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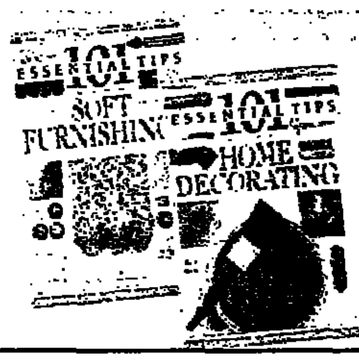

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Lost forever: a nation's heritage looted by its own people

A cast of a poet from the lost Bagram collection

From Christopher Thomas in Kabul

AFGHANISTAN has lost its past to war. Great palaces and mansions are destroyed, historical monuments have been shelled, the National Museum is rubble. Every item of state treasure has been smashed, sold or stolen. Few countries have been so systematically raped by their own people.

The plunder and destruction began after the former Soviet Union invaded in 1979. The country disintegrated socially and economically, but arguably as disastrous has been the destruction of its heritage — which was unique because of Afghanistan's position at the crossroads of commerce and conquest for thousands of years.

The National Museum held one of the world's greatest multicultural antique collections: Persian, Indian, Chinese, Central Asian and beyond. The Russians respected and protected the relics, but American-backed Mujahidin rebels saw them as ready cash, to be blasted out of their vaults and hauled away to buyers across the world. The collection can never be reassembled, or even located. Pottery from prehistory was bundled into bags like cheap china: ivory statues of Indian courtesans from the 2nd century AD were stuffed into the pockets of gunmen and carted off to Pakistan to be sold for a song, eventually turning up on the world's antique art markets for huge sums.

The Bagram collection, one of the greatest archaeological finds of the 20th century, disappeared — 1,800 lacquers, bronzes, ivories, glassware items and statues from ancient Rome, Greece, India, China, Egypt and Central Asia. The trove, some of it dating from the 1st century, was discovered northeast of Kabul in 1939 in two sealed rooms. This was the site of Kapisa, summer capital of Kanishka, King of the Kushans. In the 2nd century the emperors of Rome and the Han emperors of China avidly exchanged their most exotic products with the Kushan Empire, many of which were found at Bagram. Some were probably from a Kushan national museum. Of this, nothing is left.

More than 40,000 coins, among them some of the world's oldest from prehistory, vanished. Afghan and Pakistani politicians were key players in the plunder of these and other items from the National Museum, and it is known that one piece is held by Major-General (retired) Naseerullah Babar, the Pakistani Home Minister, who bought it for three million rupees (£57,000). He says he will return it when there is peace in Afghanistan.

A marble fountain bowl, found near the tomb of Babar (1403-1530), first of the six Great Moguls, has gone. Lorryloads of items from Afghan prehistory — Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic — were carried away like junk, to be sold for pennies or dumped because they seemed worthless. Of the entire vast collection, the whereabouts of only 13,000 pieces was known up to 1994.

In and around Kabul the destruction of the architectural heritage is almost absolute. There is one strange survivor: the modest marble tomb of Babar, sitting on a hill overlooking the capital, its marble canopy bullet-holed and broken, but the tomb itself in perfect condition save for some carved graffiti. It is the centrepiece of a once beautiful park, its lush gardens returned to desert, its trees chopped to stumps for firewood. The Persian inscrip-

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'Good citizen' prize honours stabbed head

By Jill Sherman, Chief Political Correspondent

AN ANNUAL good citizenship award for young people is to be set up in the name of the murdered headmaster Philip Lawrence, Michael Howard announces today.

The Home Secretary says that the memorial award, which will recognise outstanding contributions towards the community, is one of a series of ideas being considered by the Government to improve society.

Ministers also aim to reduce violence on TV, to announce a scheme by the end of the year to identify potential offenders and turn them away from crime, and to establish a national network to prevent crime and combat violence. That might include a "mentor" system where adults are asked to befriend and supervise individual young people.

Writing in *The Times* today, Mr Howard says that details of the citizenship award will be discussed with Mr Lawrence's widow, Frances, who this week launched her own campaign to reverse the deterioration of society. The Home Secretary writes: "In taking forward the values for which he (Mr Lawrence) stood, we can at the same time honour his memory."

Mrs Lawrence was last night delighted by the announcement. "The children and I are profoundly moved that the Government wishes to mark Philip's life in this way," she said. "I also hope that plans to put lessons in citizenship at the heart of the curriculum will go ahead."

She and her family had been heartened by the enormous support that she had received from all quarters. "I am taking stock of all the suggestions made and hope in the next few days to see how we can translate hopes into action."

Mr Howard's initiatives came as all three party leaders endorsed Mrs Lawrence's manifesto. Mrs Lawrence has had meetings with the Prime Minister, Mr Howard and Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, and she is also expected to meet Tony Blair and his education spokesman, David Blunkett.

Yesterday ministers and shadow ministers vied to outdo each other by announcing or confirming a series of initiatives in response to her programme — although Mrs Shephard, who announced that the Government was to pilot good citizenship classes, denied that politicians were being driven to action by public movements such as Mrs Lawrence's and the Dunblane Snowdrop campaign against guns.

Mr Blair backed her call for lessons on good citizenship to be included in the national curriculum and said Mrs Lawrence had done a real service for the country. John Major said that Mrs Lawrence had "touched a chord" and had strong support from the Government, while Paddy Ashdown said that she was speaking for "millions of Britons."

One of Mrs Lawrence's proposals was a ban of the sale of combat knives and while Mr Howard does not commit the Government to that, he indicates in his *Times* article that he intends to extend the ban on the sale of knives to the under 16s which comes into effect on January 1.

He also says that a green paper will be published soon to extend the tagging system to cover young offenders and further legislation will be introduced to make it easier for schools to discipline disruptive pupils.

Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, meanwhile announced that he would be putting forward plans to introduce special parenting classes to advise teenagers and young adults of the difficulties of bringing up a family.

Mr Straw will also propose new "parental responsibility orders" which would require parents to take counselling sessions or attend classes if a court found that they were not looking after their children properly.

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MARTIN BEDDALL

Cardinal Basil Hume launches the Catholic church's policy document yesterday

Murder witness to give away £250,000 reward

By Roger Maynard in Sydney and Adrian Lee

A BRITISH tourist whose evidence helped to convict Ivan Milat, the Australian "backpacker murderer", says he will give a £250,000 reward to charity and the victims' families.

Paul Onions, 30, told Channel Nine television in Australia: "I would like to donate all the money to the victims' families and the New South Wales Homicide Support Group." He added: "Surely there should be some morals left where you don't need money to give evidence."

Yesterday Mr Onions was praised by Jacqueline Clarke, whose daughter Caroline, 21, was murdered by Milat along with her travelling companion Joanne Walters, 22, of Maesteg, Mid Glamorgan.

"He sounds like a very special young man. It is an extremely generous gesture and very unusual in this day and age.

"All the families were so grateful for what he did that I am sure none of them would begrudge him keeping at least a small amount of the money for himself," Mrs Clarke, of Slaley, Northumberland, said.

Mr Onions was the only known survivor of an attack by Milat, 51, who was jailed for life in July for murdering seven backpackers. His identification of the killer was crucial in securing a conviction. The reward was offered by Australian Police before Milat's capture.

Onions: "special man"

The air-conditioning engineer from Willenhall, in the West Midlands, was on a backpacking tour of Australia in 1990 when he was given a lift by Milat. He narrowly escaped death when his attacker shot at him and wrestled him to the ground alongside the Sydney-Melbourne road. Mr Onions escaped by throwing himself in front of an oncoming car, forcing it to stop.

Oxford student, 18, found dead in bed

By David Charter, Education Correspondent

A PROMISING Oxford classics student has been found dead in her college bed one week into her first term. Police were last night investigating how Rachel Steer, 18, from Surbiton in Surrey, died. No one else was believed to have been involved and a postmortem examination is being held today.

Rachel arrived at Oxford two weeks ago and was thought to be settling in well at St Hilda's, the university's last all-female college. Dr Jane Taylor, the Dean, said: "We have no idea of the cause of death. She was a most promising student and perfectly cheerful.

"Her tutor was very impressed both with her quality of work and the way she was dealing with it. Her friends say she had a lovely sense of humour. She was a lovely, happy, inteligent, pretty girl."

Dr Taylor added that Rachel's friends had seen her on Sunday and raised the alarm when she did not turn up to lectures yesterday.

Ruth's parents travelled to the college yesterday where they were being comforted by the Principal, Elizabeth Llewellyn-Smith.

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Manchester loses to Wembley

Wembley looked almost certain to be chosen as the site of the new national stadium after the governing bodies of football, rugby league and athletics gave it unanimous backing over the rival bid from Manchester.

Although the £200 million cost of rebuilding the 74-year-old arena would be higher, the worldwide reputation of the twin-tower stadium gave Wembley the edge. A final decision is expected from the Sports Council by the end of the year after prolonged postponements .... *Page 52*

Former Tory MP joins Labour

A former Conservative MP has joined the Labour Party. Christopher Brocklebank-Fowler, 62, a management consultant, was the only Tory MP to join the SDP in 1981 but lost his seat at the 1983 general election. He has since unsuccessfully fought parliamentary seats as an SDP/Alliance candidate and as a Liberal Democrat candidate.

Ministers clash over Catholic Church's 'pro-left manifesto'

By Ruth Gledhill and James Landale

THE Catholic Church last night faced a barrage of criticism after advocating a range of left-leaning policies in a pre-election manifesto designed to remind Catholics of the church's teaching on social issues.

Although bishops denied that the document favoured any political party, their support of key Labour policies such as a national minimum wage prompted criticism from Tory MPs and ministers.

But two ministers appeared to be at odds over the document. While Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, attacked its support for a minimum wage, Ann Widdecombe, a junior Home Office minister and leading Catholic, claimed that the document had been misrepresented.

She repeated the church's view that the document did not advocate a minimum wage, but merely stated that the policy was not prohibited under Catholic teaching. David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, claimed the church's views tallied with Labour's. "We think the values they are espousing, and the hope that they want to see for the future, is in line with the stance and the promises of the Labour Party." Launching the 35-page document yesterday, Cardinal Basil Hume, the Archbishop of Westminster, said it did not attempt to propose specific solutions to complex social, economic and political questions. "Much less is it a directive to people how they should vote," he said. "That would be quite improper on the part of us the bishops. We expect Catholics to study what we have said and vote in accordance with a properly informed conscience."

However, the document, titled *The Common Good*, condemns the "unlimited free market", says the decline in trade union membership is "not necessarily a healthy sign", and speaks warmly of Britain's membership of the European Union. "It is possible to be both British and European," it says. The report demands that workers should

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Howard drops sex offenders register

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

PLANS for a national register of sex offenders in Britain have been dropped from the Government's main law and order initiative for the next session of parliament.

The proposal is one of several measures aimed at providing greater protection to the public which ministers have been forced to abandon because there is not enough time to pass them before the general election next year.

Among the casualties are plans to make it an offence for convicted paedophiles to seek employment with children, extending DNA testing to allow samples to be taken from all convicted sex offenders in prison and making convicted sex offenders notify police of any change of address.

Michael Howard had hoped to include the measures allowing police to track the the movement of paedophiles and other sex offenders in the crime bill to be published later this week. He has had to drop the idea so that the Bill, the flag ship measure of the next session, is focussed on automatic life sentences for second time rapists and minimum jail terms for third time burglars and drug dealers.

The decision not to include the proposals in the Bill is a bitter disappointment to police and children's groups who had backed Mr Howard's plan to force convicted sex offenders to put their names on the police national computer.

Michelle Elliott of Kidscape, a children's charity, said the move would let down parents throughout the country. "I am shocked. This was one of the most important measures along with gun controls annouced by the government. It is madness not to proceed as children need urgent protection from paedophiles".

Under the home secretary's plan, a convicted sex offender's name would be placed on the register allowing police to track their movements in England and Wales. It would be an offence not to inform the police of a change of address.

Mr Howard planned that the requirement to register would be for life for anyone give a life sentence or prison term of more than thirty months. The Government has already shelved plans for a Bill introducing a national identity card amid fears that it would provoke divisions within the Conservative party in the run up to the election.

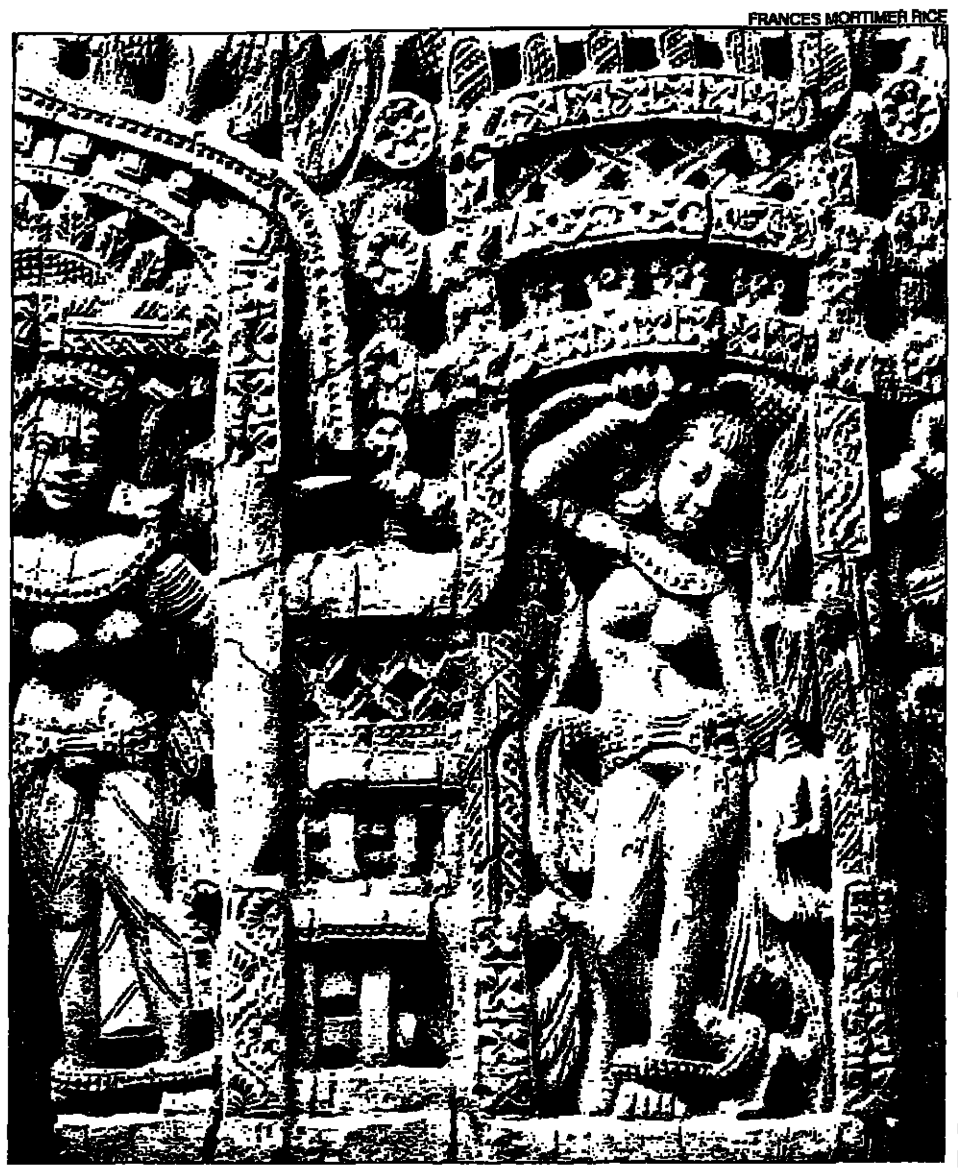
Tomorrow's speech will not include the home secretary's plan to increase public safety by giving employers access to job applicants' crimminal records. The proposal, unveiled in a White Paper four months ago, included the creation of a Criminal Records Agency which would charge job seekers for providing information about criminal records.

Employers would be entitled to aske an applicant to present a document disclosing any unspent convictions. The Criminal Records Agency would provide a Criminal Conviction Certificate to a job applicant for less than £20.

Government sources said that Private Members' Bill could be used to put some of the abandoned measures into law though in Whitehall it was predicted that none would be on the statute book before the general election.

Alternativiely the government is considering the unusual step of publishing draft Bills which would include the measures and then put them in the Conservative party's general election manifesto.

☐ A nationwide hunt has been launched William Knowles, 35, a convicted paedophile who absconded from a bail hostel. Knowles, formerly from Hull, was jailed for two years in March for abducting a nine year-old boy.


FRANCES MORTIMER RICE

An ivory panel depicting Indian courtesans is among the lost treasures of Bagram

A nation's heritage looted

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tion declares that the remains of Babar, who died in Agra, were returned to Kabul, the town he loved, in 1646 by Emperor Shah Jehan, builder of the Taj Mahal, who also built Babar's tomb and a mosque alongside it.

The mosque is bomb-damaged and peppered with bullet holes. It is a silent place, set amid mile upon mile of ruination. Ten miles out of Kabul, the Victory Arch, built in the central square of Paghman village by King Amanullah to commemorate victory in the 1919 War of Independence against Britain, is largely destroyed. The nobility built a profusion of public buildings and palaces in Paghman: all are rubble.

King Amanullah also built Darulaman Palace in Kabul, a masterpiece but now a bombed-out shell. Up the hill are the remains of a castle, now occupied by a dozen Taleban soldiers who have positioned a tank on the front terrace, giving clear fire to anywhere in the city. These buildings have been looted of everything worthwhile. Like so much of Afghanistan.

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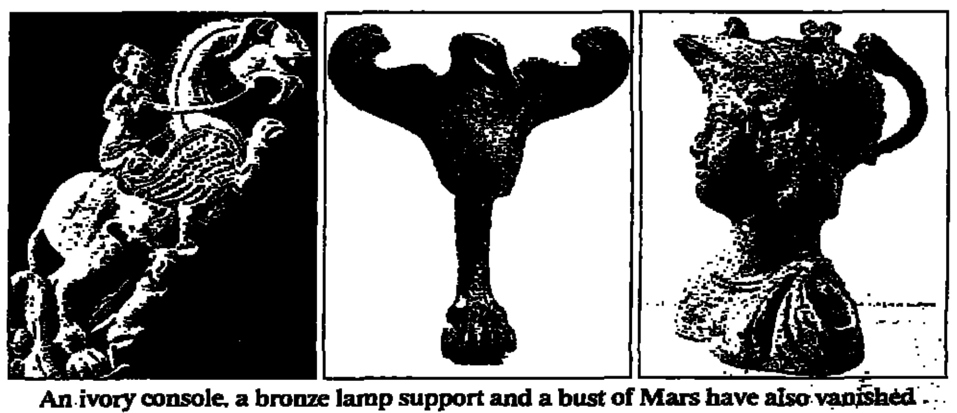
An ivory console, a bronze lamp support and a bust of Mars have also vanished

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not be treated as commodities and rejects the "trickle-down" theory that wealth creation automatically benefits the poor. It criticises the increasing job losses incurred when firms "downsize" their workforces to boost shareholder profits. It also backs Tony Blair's call for all members of the economic process, including workers, to be treated as "stakeholders".

The 13,000-word paper, which will be sent to all 2,800 parishes in England and Wales, gives its strongest warning to employers that they have a duty to pay a just wage. "If employers do not do this voluntarily, Catholic social teaching would allow the state to make them do so by means of a statutory minimum wage, either nationally or in some sectors. It is not morally acceptable to seek to reduce unemployment by letting wages fall below the level at which employees can sustain a decent standard of living."

Mr Clarke said a minimum wage would be a "quite disastrous" way of raising the standard of living in all sections of society. "You would not create more jobs that people can move to from benefit," he told the BBC's *World at One*. "What you would do is destroy jobs and increase unemployment."

Miss Widdecombe, who converted to the Catholic Church when the Church of England accepted women priests, said: "What the document actually says is that Catholic social teaching would allow a minimum wage. If a politician proposed a minimum wage, it would not be unacceptable to Catholic social teaching, but it is not necessarily advocating a minimum wage."

One area where the bishops are at odds with Labour policy is that of abortion, which they condemn unreservedly. Labour, while saying abortion is a matter for its MPs' consciences in any Commons vote, broadly supports the woman's right to choose.

The document was welcomed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey. "The Catholic social teaching has developed over many years as a splendid exposition of Christian values and principles shared by other churches," he said. "They have much to offer our nation and are not the preserve of any one political party."

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How Catholic church informs voters' choice

The Roman Catholic church has urged its 4.4 million members in England and Wales to study a manifesto-style document *In The Common Good*. Cardinal Basil Hume, the Archbishop of Westminster, said: "We expect Catholics to vote in accordance with a properly informed conscience." These are the main points:

MINIMUM WAGE

Employers ... have a duty to pay a just wage, the level of which should take account of the needs of the individual and not just his or her value on the so-called labour market. If employers do not do this voluntarily, Catholic social teaching would allow the State to make them do so by means of a statutory minimum wage.
Tories: completely opposed.
Labour: in favour, but refuses to state precise figure.

STAKEHOLDING

The economy exists for the human person, not the other way round. Any enterprise has a range of "stakeholders": shareholders, suppliers, managers, workers, consumers, the community. None of these interests should prevail to the extent that it excludes the interests of the others.
Tories: opposed if it means old-style corporatism, in favour if greater opportunity and individual choice.
Labour: a key theme championed by Tony Blair.

ABORTION

The bishops remind Catholic voters of the "alarming extent" to which Britain has become an example of what the Pope called a culture of death. In the three decades since the passage of the Abortion Act, human life has been devalued to the extent where abortion is widely regarded as a remedy for any social or personal difficulty: "We have to raise our voices in protest against all destruction of human life in the womb."
Tories: no policy, a matter of individual conscience.
Labour: backs the right of women to choose, but a matter of conscience for MPs in Commons' votes.

THE MARKET ECONOMY

The Roman Catholic church recognises the positive value of the market. But sometimes market forces cannot deliver what the common good demands. The Roman Catholic doctrine of the common good is incompatible with unlimited free market capitalism ... market forces are just as likely to lead to evil results as to good ones.
Tories: backs market as best way of distributing goods and services.
Labour: similar to Tories but opposes unfettered free-marketeering.

TRADE UNIONS

The bishops uphold the right to join a trade union as a manifestation of the principle of solidarity. Roman Catholics have been reminded that where possible they should join a trade union. The bishops' conference of England and Wales noted that the decline in union membership in recent years is paralleled by people's high degree of dissatisfaction with their working lives.
Tories: accepts unions but has cut their powers radically. Believes workers should also have right not to be in union.
Labour: Pro-unions but may break formal links.

TRICKLE-DOWN EFFECT

There must come a point at which the gap between the very wealthy and those at the bottom of the range of income begins to undermine the common good. This is the point at which society starts to be run for the benefit of the rich. Some ideological thinkers advocate this approach. We would question their proposition that the further enrichment of the wealthy must, as the inevitable result of economic laws, eventually improve the lot of the poor.
Tories: wealth creation, especially through entrepreneurship, is good for society, particularly in the creation of jobs.
Labour: backs wealth creation but not if it simply makes the rich richer and the poor poorer.

EUROPE

One of the most important issues facing this country is its future relationship with the rest of Europe — and not just with the European Union. Local loyalties and commitments should be fostered, but they should not be set in opposition to these wider expressions of solidarity.
Tories: broadly hostile to Europe, opposing greater powers to Brussels' institutions.
Labour: broadly positive to Europe, accepting social chapter, but like the Tories, divided over a single currency.

BILL OF RIGHTS

The Roman Catholic Church is aware that there are various proposals to strengthen the protection of human rights in Britain, such as the framing of a Bill of Rights. It says some strengthening seems necessary, related to the need for a system of common values if democratic society is to be healthy.
Tories: opposed to Bill of Rights or incorporating European Convention on Human Rights into British law.
Labour: supports incorporation of the convention.

COMPANY DOWNSIZING

Employers need reminding that employees constitute "social capital", a reservoir of human effort, wisdom and experience. Accountancy that disregards such assets in the valuation of a concern or in drawing up a balance sheet is inevitably guilty of false accounting. Dumping of "social capital" is a prevalent cause of social injustice in modern society. It often occurs in company "downsizing" operations associated with takeovers, closures and mergers.
Tories: job losses a necessary evil in flexible market; must be cushioned by social security and job creation schemes.
Labour: critical, especially in newly privatised industries.

HEALTH AND EDUCATION

Where such social provisions as health and education are concerned, the common good requires a supervising authority that can step in with remedies as soon as deficiencies become apparent.
Tories: in favour of giving parents greater choice to choose schools with less local authority involvement.
Labour: broadly in favour of greater local authority input but not keen on spending much more money.

QUANGOS

Public confidence is undermined, and democracy subverted, when the members of public authorities responsible for the common good are not appointed democratically or on objective merit.
Tories: in favour, radically increased numbers during last 17 years.
Labour: opposed, pledges to cut quangos.

NHS 'should cover prisons'

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

THE PRISON medical service should be scrapped and care for the 57,300 inmates in jails handed over to the National Health Service, according to a report by the chief inspector of prisons.

Sir David Ramsbotham calls for an overhaul of health care in jails after criticising the existing service for failing to match NHS standards.

He highlights the care of pregnant women, accusing the Prison Service of not catering adequately for them.

The Chief Inspector of Prisons says that immediate action is needed to provide increased care for mentally ill prisoners. He recommends new units for mentally disordered offenders and the ability to provide round-the-clock care.

His findings were leaked to *Channel Four News* last night after months of internal wrangling in the Prison Service. It is understood that parts of the document were re-written after complaints about inaccuracies and criticism from the Department of Health and the National Health Service.

Sir David, who will publish his report on Friday, warns the Government that doctors and staff in the prison medical service have become isolated from colleagues and suffer low status.

Legal aid change pursued

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

THE Government intends to press ahead with plans to overhaul the £1.4 billion legal aid scheme, even without legislation, the Lord Chancellor says today.

In an article in *The Times*, Lord Mackay of Clashfern says that many of the measures can be achieved under existing legislation. He outlines a five-year programme for reform which he says is not about cutting the present level of spending, but ensuring that "available resources go further to help more people".

Changes at the top of the agenda include the awarding of block contracts by the Legal Aid Board to advice agencies and law firms, with the first contracts expected next year. Contracts for family mediators will follow. The Legal Aid Board has also started work on one-off contracts for expensive cases, starting with multi-party actions, and contracts with law firms to provide duty solicitor cover at police stations and courts.

The measures were only the start of a long and complex programme, Lord Mackay says. "We remain determined to make the necessary changes to the legal aid scheme and look forward to pressing ahead with the reforms."

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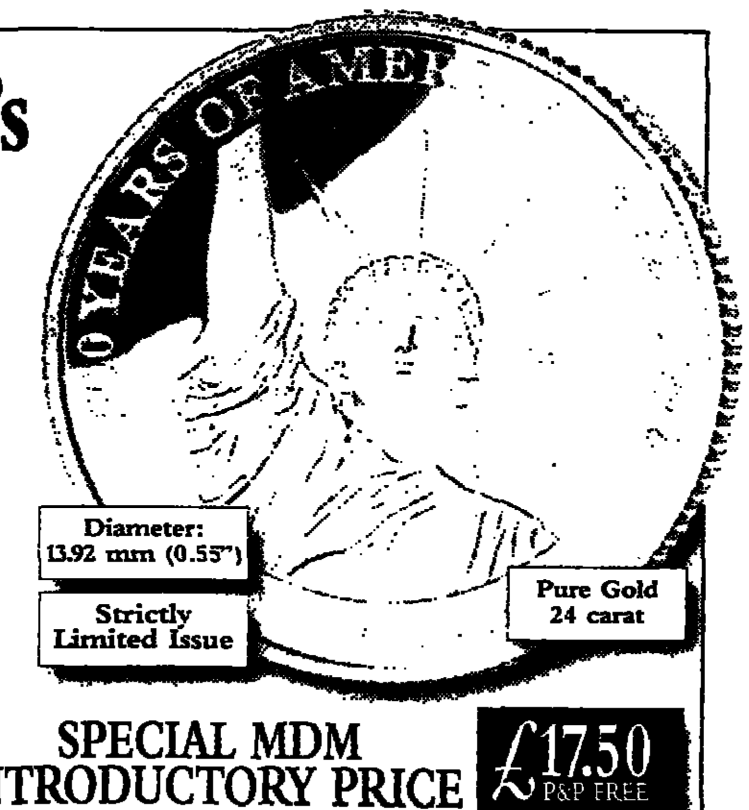

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Rantzen Report 'was reasonable'

By Carol Midgley

AN Esther Rantzen programme that investigated the treatment of a brain-injured patient at a south London hospital contained minor errors which resulted in a "degree of unfairness", a BBC inquiry has found.

But *The Rantzen Report's* journalistic integrity was not in doubt and the programme makers drew "reasonable conclusions" from the evidence available to them, a spokesman for the BBC complaints unit said.

The internal inquiry was launched after John Ware, another BBC journalist, launched an attack on the programme via a national newspaper last August. Mr Ware, who has produced work for *Panorama* and *Rough Justice*, accused *The Rantzen Report* of "twisting the facts" when it said Ian Parker lacked stimulation and was neglected at the British Home and Hospital for Incurables.

Mr Ware said the programme on advocacy had also used a hidden camera in the hospital without justification. Yesterday Mr Ware was reprimanded for making his criticisms public without clearing them with the BBC.

The spokesman said of *The Rantzen Report*: "In the light of later evidence, it appears that the programme contained some errors. Though these were minor in themselves, they involved a degree of unfairness to the hospital. This did not invalidate however, the programme's overall argument on the topic of advocacy."

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'Dead' backpacker returns in time for funeral

Cunningham: did not report lost passport for a month

By Andrew Drummond in Bangkok and Michael Horsnell

A BACKPACKER flies home to Britain from the Far East today to be reunited with the family who believed he was dead. Even his funeral had been arranged.

Paul Cunningham, 25, was reported to have swallowed 43 condoms packed with heroin, one of which had burst in his stomach. However, the news of his death proved to be exaggerated after the Foreign Office uncovered a case of mistaken identity involving a stolen, doctored passport.

The real victim, involved in an international smuggling ring, proved to be a West African drugs runner on his way from the southern Thai town of Hat Yai to Penang in Malaysia, where there is an international airport. He is thought to have been thrown out of a taxi by colleagues after he became ill. Having crossed the Thai border at Sadao successfully, he was found lying in a coma by the roadside in Butterworth in northern Malaysia.

The British Embassy in Kuala Lumpur was notified on October 10 after Mr Cunningham's passport was found on the dying man. The drug traffickers are thought to have bought the passport on the black market and doctored it with a bogus photograph. Mr Cunningham, a university graduate, did not report it missing for nearly a month.

The first Mr Cunningham knew of his "death" was when he walked into the British Embassy in Bangkok to ask for a replacement. Shocked officials told him: "We thought you were dead. Even your funeral has been arranged."

Mr Cunningham's mother Doreen, 49, said she went through "ten days of absolute hell" after hearing the news that her son had died. She said last night: "I feel as if I'm in the middle of a dream. The last ten days have been an absolute nightmare."

Mrs Cunningham, a mother of two from Oadby, Leicestershire, said after her son telephoned her: "Paul hadn't got a clue what was going on. He had no idea about the grieving at home and continued on his travels. To be told your son is dead and then he is alive is unreal. I can hardly describe my swing in emotions. I keep pinching myself to check it's real."

She added: "At the time I could never imagine he was involved in drugs. He means so much to me. It was the worst thing a mother could ever imagine. I must have phoned the Foreign Office a dozen times to check there hadn't been a dreadful mistake. But I suppose when you have a son of that age you never know exactly what they are up to."

Paul's father Ruel, 52, said embassy officials were positive it was his son who had died. "I am just extremely relieved to know that everything said about him was totally untrue. We always believed in him."

A spokeswoman for Leicestershire police said: "Our officers acted on the request of the Foreign Office to inform Mr Cunningham's family that he had died while in Malaysia. However, the Foreign Office later informed the force that Mr Cunningham was alive and well in Bangkok."

A Foreign Office spokesman said: "Apparently Mr Cunningham lost his passport in September and reported it to the embassy only on Friday. During that time his passport was doctored and found on the body of the dead man.

"We regret the distress caused to the family but the good news is that he is alive and well. Had we been notified earlier of the loss of the passport we would have asked for much more investigation by the Malaysian authorities."

He added: "It is a very tragic case. Something like this is a terrible trauma for the parents and family to go through. We will be investigating it further."

Mr Cunningham had spent six months visiting an uncle in New York before exploring Australia and Thailand, where he is believed to have lost his passport on September 18.

☐ The Foreign Office has mounted an "intensive" investigation into a report that Christopher Howes, thought to have been taken by the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia, may still be alive. Mr Howes, 36, a mines expert, had been feared dead months after his capture in March.

A Foreign Office spokesman said in London yesterday that they were making intensive inquiries following the report. "We are urging the Cambodian authorities to look at it thoroughly and we are seeking further information from our ambassador in Phnom Penh. But until we have hard evidence it is yet another report that we can neither confirm nor deny."

Midshipman says officers leered at porn film and captain tried to kiss her

Navy woman tells of sex taunts in the wardroom

By Emma Wilkins

A ROYAL Navy commander dressed as Julius Caesar tried to kiss a woman midshipman in centurian's clothing during a fancy dress party in the Falkland Islands, it was claimed yesterday.

Claire McGarrity, 25, who was dismissed from the Royal Navy last year, brought her case before an industrial tribunal, claiming that she had been the victim of sexual discrimination. She told about pornographic videos being shown in the officers' mess and of how the ship's captain, a commander, touched her on the hips while reading maps on the bridge.

Miss McGarrity told the hearing that she had tried to avoid him at the party but he eventually he approached her and remarked that it would be "jolly" if they danced together. "Towards the end of the evening the captain said he was surprised I had not danced with him. He pulled my hands and took me to dance.

"As he did so he tried to kiss me and I pulled away quite sharply, feigned an excuse and rushed back to my living accommodation." Miss McGarrity, from Newcastle upon Tyne, told the hearing in Exeter. The tribunal has ordered that neither the captain nor his ship be identified.

Miss McGarrity also claimed that the captain touched her on the hips while they were studying navigation charts behind a curtain on the bridge. "He put his hands on my hips and moved me around the chart table, so he could see the navigation work being done by myself. I felt it was unnecessary as there was enough room to see. I did not complain becasue he was a commander and I was a midshipman, and I was frightened."

Miss McGarrity, who was one of three women trainee officers on board, began to avoid her male colleagues in the wardroom after finding them watching a pornographic video. Instead of eating with her fellow officers, she had sandwiches alone in her cabin.

"On one occasion I was unfortunate enough to walk in on a particularily embarrassing video, which I did not think was appropriate," she said. "It was a video being shown to the male officers. I said it should not be shown because it is embarrassing and upsetting when your colleagues are leering at the screen. It makes you feel embarrassed to be a female.

"The male crew members would go out for drinks. When they returned, they would talk about their sexual conquests. Then they would ask me what I did and who I was with. I said it was none of their business, but it just got worse. It was unacceptable. There wasn't a day that passed without comments being made."

She said that male colleagues asked her to find out if the other women trainees were having a lesbian affair. She admitted having an affair with a male junior rating and said she was surprised and upset later when the captain recommended that she should be withdrawn from training and flown home from the Falklands.

"I had been told by the captain I had improved and that it was unfortunate I was leaving when he was just starting to like me so much," she said.

Under cross-examination by Martin Meeke, for the Royal Navy, she agreed that she had been warned about her relationship with the rating and was criticised for spending too much time with the lower ranks. Mr Meeke quoted from a report by the captain which described the relationship as "unacceptably close".

The Navy says that Miss McGarrity was not dismissed, but resigned after being sent home from Dartmouth when officers recommended that she be withdrawn from training.

A spokesman for the Royal Navy said all serving personnel knew that forming a sexual relationship with a colleague on board was a disciplinary offence, which could ultimately result in a court martial.

He added that the service was keen to attract women. "We want to encourage more women to join the Royal Navy to have a sailing career." He also said that the showing of pornographic films was "actively discouraged", but could not be completely prevented.

The tribunal was adjourned until today.

GUY NEWMAN

Claire McGarrity yesterday: she claims she was the victim of sex discrimination

The ears have it for witness in theft case

By A Staff Reporter

THE main witness in a theft case remained silent on the stand yesterday, but in a crucial test of identification allowed members of the jury to examine his ears.

Darwin, an 18-month-old lemon-coloured foxhound, stood patiently in the witness box as the 12 jurors filed past to inspect distinctive markings in its ears. The South Dorset Hunt, based in Lyme Regis, has accused the owner of a pet sanctuary of stealing the £750 dog from a hunt trainer. The English foxhound has tattoos on the inside of both ears, reading SD and 18, which identify it as belonging to the South Dorset Hunt.

Lorraine Drake, 45, who runs the PALS sanctuary in Newton Tony, Wiltshire, is accused of stealing the hound between July 14 and July 26 last year. She also faces two alternative charges of receiving and disposing of the stolen dog.

The prosecution alleges that Ms Drake stole Darwin from a farm in Winfrith, Dorset, where the puppy was being prepared for hunting. Justin Gau, for the prosecution, told Bournemouth Crown Court that the dog was renamed Bertie the Beagle and sold to an unsuspecting local vicar, the Rev Frank Collins. The army padre, who is based at Bulford, Wiltshire, bought the puppy for his four children for £125. They were thrilled with the animal and changed his name once again — to Huckleberry Hound.

Mr Gau told the court: "Ms Drake told Mr Collins the dog was a foxhound. She said he had come from a hunt and if the Reverend looked in the animal's ear he would see tattoos which were a mark of the hunt."

Mr Collins made inquiries and discovered that the foxhound he had been sold was missing from the South Dorset Hunt. Ms Drake was arrested and interviewed by Wiltshire police. She told detectives that she did not know the dog was stolen.

Yesterday afternoon Darwin bounded into the witness stand, close on the heels of Edward Knowles, Master of the South Dorset Hunt. As Mr Knowles gave evidence the dog stood quietly behind him, occasionally leaping up on to his back legs to look around the courtroom.

Mr Knowles told the hearing that foxhounds did not make good pets and could not be sold to anyone who was not a member of the Master of Foxhounds' Association. He said that it was common knowledge all hunt dogs had identifying marks tattooed in their ears.

Ms Drake denies the charges against her. The trial continues.

Darwin: stood patiently in the witness box

Wallace and Gromit survive New York

Nick Park after his models were returned to him. "It's like getting my lost children back," he said

From Quentin Letts in New York

A TELEPHONE call before dawn yesterday from a New York taxi driver ended the hunt for the missing cartoon puppets Wallace and Gromit.

The 25-year-old cabbie, slightly mystified to find himself at the centre of an international mystery, rang to say that he had found some Plasticine objects in the boot of his Chevrolet, bumping around in their travelling case next to the spare wheel and greasy jack. He had realised what they were after hearing a radio news bulletin about their disappearance.

An hour later the driver delivered the Oscar-winning characters to the Manhattan hotel where their creator, Bristol-based Nick Park, had spent a fitful night.

"It is like getting my two lost children back," said Mr Park, who on Saturday afternoon had sprinted down a rain-soaked street in pursuit of the taxi when he realised that Wallace and Gromit had been left in the boot. The nine-inch tall figures, constructed around ball and socket joints, included Wallace's celebrated motorbike and sidecar.

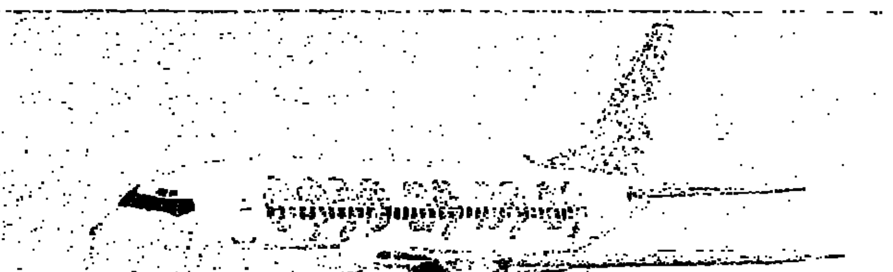
Mr Park, 37, has won three Oscars for his short animated films and is regarded as a world master of his art. He had taken the puppets, which cost £6,000 to make but had considerable emotional value, to the US on Saturday for a promotional tour. They were left behind in the taxi during a rainstorm when a mob of New Yorkers tried to seize the cab as Mr Park alighted at his hotel.

The Indian taxi driver who returned the pair yesterday declined to give his name and would not accept a $100 note he was offered by Mr Park's factotum and publicity adviser Arthur Sheriff. "Tell you the truth," said the streetwise Mr Sheriff, "I was prepared to pay $500 to get them back." When the figures went missing Mr Park had been close to tears, but Mr Sheriff had taken more practical action. It was not quite Lord Lucan, but he alerted every police precinct in Manhattan, telephoned news agencies, and had Mr Park draw Interpol-style Identikit pictures of the missing models.

"I know it sounds like a joke, but they were a good likenesses," said Mr Park. "I really didn't think I would see them again, and I would not have done if it had not been for this kindhearted taxi driver who just wanted to do the right thing."

Mr Park's engagingly honest mien forced one to regret earlier suspicions that the entire thing was a publicity stunt.

The puppets were reported to be in moderate condition, although slightly dented. Wallace's nose needed marginal adjustment and Gromit's ears could use some attention.



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Man who shot car thief not guilty of manslaughter

By Adam Fresco

A MEMBER of a gun club was cleared of manslaughter yesterday despite admitting that he shot dead a man he found breaking into his car.

Martin Wise, 35, a gamekeeper, shot Matthew Hodge, 20, with a replica .25 automatic baby Browning pistol outside his home in Hildenborough, Kent when he saw him trying to steal his Ford Escort.

Mr Wise, a father of four, denied manslaughter at Maidstone Crown Court and said that the handgun had gone off accidentally in August last year. He said he pulled the pistol from his pocket to warn off Mr Hodge, who was armed with a monkey wrench. But as he cocked it, the gun went off.

At the time of his arrest police found 23 weapons at his home and at his mother's home. He said he did not know that the gun was loaded and did not deliberately shoot Mr Hodge as the Crown alleged. The jury was told that when Mr Wise reported the attempted car theft, he did not tell police about the shooting.

Mr Wise leaving court in Maidstone yesterday

Mr Wise also asked a neighbour to take care of his collection of guns, including a .22 Ruger, a Smith and Wesson revolver and a rare Second World War Colt .45, before officers arrived.

At the time of the shooting he had been on his way to his parents' house, where he was required by the terms of his firearms certificate to keep his weapons. He had spent the day shooting at a range in Stone Lodge, near Dartford.

Mr Wise, a former Royal Engineer, has held a shotgun certificate since the age of 17 and a firearms certificate since the age of 21. He had been cleared cleared of murder at an earlier trial.

Detective Superintendant David Clapperton said that Mr Wise's gun licence would be reviewed, particularly the number of weapons he had been allowed to own. He said: "Matthew was just 21 years of age and his life was taken away from him very tragically and very suddenly. A lot of negative things have been said about him during the trial but he would have grown out of those things. He was never given the opportunity." Mr Wise said last night: "I am very pleased and now I have to think about what to do."

Budgie firm's shares go into tailspin

By Paul Durman

BUDGIE the Little Helicopter, the cartoon character created by the Duchess of York, hit fresh turbulence yesterday when marketing problems in the United States saw £2 million wiped off the value of the company that sits at its controls.

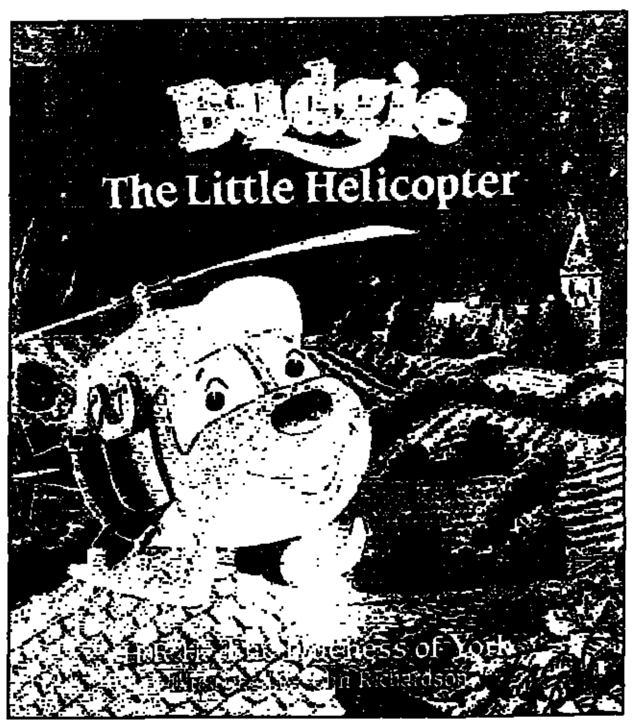
Hopes for a revival in the Duchess's notoriously overstretched finances have often been pinned on Budgie, which contributes most of the profits of the stockmarket firm Sleepy Kids. Television rights have been sold to more than 70 countries, and last year the firm made profits of nearly £1 million.

However, the firm's shares fell 6½p to 20p yesterday, their lowest this year. The company is now valued at £6 million, down from £15 million.

Sleepy Kids blamed the latest problems on the failure of its American marketing agent, Launey Hachmann Harris, which was forced to seek protection from its creditors in April. In a statement to the Stock Exchange, made necessary by its collapsing share price, Sleepy Kids said that it had been unable to capitalise on the "initial success" of the Budgie cartoons shown on the Fox Children's Network. The company said it was too early to quantify the damage to profits.

It intends to relaunch Budgie throughout the United States once it has appointed a new agent. First, though, it must straighten out some legal difficulties.

In the 12-point statement, the company attempted to rebut some recent criticisms. For example, it said that Fox had not "dropped" the Budgie series, only rescheduled it. Budgie had been very successful on Fox, the company said, and it was discussing making a fourth series for the ITV network.



Budgie is controlled by Sleepy Kids, whose shares fell by 6½p yesterday to their lowest this year

NEWS IN BRIEF

JP and ex-wife jailed for lying about crash

A magistrate and his former wife were jailed for lying over a drink-drive accident. John and Anne Bosomworth tried to convince the police and a magistrates' court that she had been at the wheel of their Range Rover when it crashed while returning home to Beamsley, North Yorkshire, after a night out in September 1994. At Leeds Crown Court yesterday, the former Mrs Bosomworth was jailed for nine months, and her former husband for 15 months, after they admitted perverting the course of justice and perjury.

Foetuses 'feel pain at six weeks'

A foetus may be able to feel pain six weeks after conception, says a report by the charity Christian Action Education and Research. A commission of inquiry concluded that almost every expert accepts foetuses can feel pain by 24 weeks, with growing evidence it may occur much earlier. The conclusion has implications for abortion and operations.

Aberfan remembers its dead

The people of Aberfan gathered at a hillside cemetery yesterday, the thirtieth anniversary of the coal tip disaster that killed 116 children and 28 adults. Relatives laid flowers on the rows of graves. The Mayor of Merthyr Tydfil, William Smith, laid a wreath at a memorial service at 9.15am, the time a coal tip slid down the hillside in 1966.

Broadcasters snub Belfast

Up to 200 of Europe's leading broadcasters have abandoned plans to hold a major conference in Belfast next summer because of fears that they will be vulnerable to terrorist violence. The BBC, which is hosting the event, has switched the venue to Edinburgh. The IRA bomb attack on army barracks at Lisburn triggered the change of heart.

Guardsman wins action

A Grenadier Guardsman, Stephen Jordan, 25, of Bilston, West Midlands, who claimed he suffered epileptic fits after the Army imprisoned him for eight months, is understood to have accepted damages from the Ministry of Defence. He claimed he was not properly treated for his epilepsy and was once assaulted by a military policeman.

Stagg lawyer accuses media

William Clegg, the lawyer who defended Colin Stagg, acquitted of the murder of Rachel Nickell, has written to *The Times* accusing the media of pursuing a campaign against his client. Yesterday Mr Stagg claimed he had new information about the murder of Miss Nickell in 1992 and demanded payment for disclosing it.

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Bride sues GP after having stroke

A bride who was put on the Pill just before her wedding day suffered a catastrophic stroke that has left her totally paralysed, the High Court was told yesterday. Leena Vadera, of Hatch End, Pinner, was a month away from marriage in November 1986 when she consulted her GP. She is suing for damages. The hearing continues.

Forsyth criticises gun group

Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, criticised "insensitive" plans by a gun lobby group to field a general election candidate against him in the constituency of Stirling, which includes Dunblane. He is defending a majority of 703. The Shooters' Rights Association insisted it was the only way to highlight the arguments against strict gun laws.

Labour puts in a call for support

The Labour leadership tried to inject renewed impetus into its manifesto ballot by canvassing 100,000 members by telephone. A week-long campaign was launched to encourage members to endorse or oppose the contents of the mini-manifesto, *New Labour, New Life for Britain*, which will be the basis of the party's general election campaign.

Tory club ban leaves bad odour

A Conservative club has banned one of its members for six months after complaints that his feet smell. The committee at March, Cambridgeshire, voted to suspend Tony Fisher, 58, for repeatedly refusing to keep his shoes and socks on. Mr Fisher says he went barefoot to relieve his gout. A club spokesman said: "The odour pervaded thoughout the bar."

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Plea to catch youths who dropped concrete on car

Family of M3 victim beg parents to question sons

By Lin Jenkins and Bill Frost

THE parents of a man left critically ill when youths dropped a concrete block through his car windscreen from a motorway bridge appealed to other parents yesterday not to harbour those responsible.

After police said that the youths they were seeking could be as young as 13, Simon Willmott's mother asked parents to tell the police if they suspected their children were involved. Sandy Willmott said: "We want to speak to parents. You know the members of your household better than anyone. Since Simon was injured, whoever did this must be frightened and showing some reaction.

"Parents, if you sense something is wrong, please probe. If you think anyone in your household was involved in this incident, we are appealing to you to do the right thing for all parents and ring the police. Whoever did this must be made aware that, in one moment of foolishness, they have affected not just Simon, but so many others." She begged parents to think back to last Thursday and to ask where their children were at 8pm, when the incident happened.

Mr Willmott remained unconscious with severe chest injuries in Frimley Park Hospital, Camberley, Surrey, last night. Mrs Willmott, 50, and her husband, Alan, looked tired and drawn from their four-day vigil at his bedside. Mrs Willmott said that she had been pleased and surprised by the public's "fantastic" response to pleas for information: "We are absolutely overwhelmed by it all."

Police said they believed that three youths hurled the 1ft by 6in block of concrete from the northern bridge at Junction 5 on the M3 near Hook, in Hampshire. Mr Willmott's Ford Escort was travelling at 70mph north from Bournemouth, where he works as an account executive with the cable company Nynex, to the home he shares with his parents in Bagshot, Surrey.

He managed to stop the car safely about 300 metres from the bridge, but was unconscious by the time the first person got to him. His body had been crushed by the concrete block.

Simon Willmott is still unconscious in hospital

Half a dozen motorists have since told police about similar instances over the past weeks at the same spot. Detective Chief Inspector John James said it raised the possibility that the same group of youths had been responsible.

He described the three wanted teenagers as being between 5ft 4in and 5ft 10in tall, with one markedly taller than the others. They were believed to be aged between 13 and 19, dressed in dark clothes, with short, possibly cropped hair, and were of a slim or medium build. They had been spotted several times between 6.45pm and 8pm on the night in question.

Mr James said that he also wanted to trace other witnesses, including two youths aged about 14, with fair hair, seen in Station Road, Hook, and another youth aged between 15 and 20, seen alone on the bridge. Police were making inquiries yesterday at those local schools not on half-term and were talking to residents of Odiham and Hook.

Some in Odiham, a wealthy town to the south of the M3, refused to believe that anyone from the area could have been responsible. As one woman put it: "Teenagers from some housing estates down the way in Basingstoke must have done this. In this part of the world, children are properly brought up, properly educated and properly disciplined."

GEORGE CRANE

Sandy and Alan Willmott yesterday: they asked suspicious parents to ring police

Good turn may rule out Varsity rugby blue

By Michael Horsnell

A CAMBRIDGE rugby blue could miss this year's Varsity match after his jaw was broken by a gang of youths when he and a friend intervened to protect a cyclist deliberately knocked off his bike.

Nick Holgate, a 15-stone prop forward, who has had a plate inserted in his jaw after a kick to the side of his head, said: "I've got a broken jaw, a black eye and some cuts. I wouldn't have minded if it had happened on the rugby pitch."

The injury to the third-year management studies student from Robinson College means that he cannot play rugby for six weeks — giving him only two weeks to get back in the team before the match in December. Mr Holgate, 21, said: "Competition for a place is very tough. I don't know if I'll be selected again. I've just got to try to keep fit."

Tony Rogers, Cambridge University coach, said the possibility of losing Mr Holgate was a disappointment but he had not completely ruled him out of contention.

Three youths have been arrested and released on police bail.

British sarnie is a must for le beau monde

From Robin Young in Paris

HAVING taken over the leading fashion houses of Paris, the British are now introducing the French to something else they do better: the designer sandwich.

At this year's biggest food show in Europe, British sandwiches are the product most in vogue and discussed. "The chic thing in Paris at present is to be seen eating *un sandwich anglais*." Patrick Davis, head of Food from Britain, the British food promotion organisation, said at the SIAL show in Paris yesterday. With 130 trade exhibitors, the United Kingdom is third largest contributor to the exhibition and the British Sandwich Association has a leading role among the British stands.

"Some 50 Monoprix supermarkets in Paris now receive sandwiches direct from Britain every day." Dominique Mine, director of Food from Britain in France, said. "Buckingham Foods make the sandwiches in Milton Keynes one day and have them on sale in Paris next morning still with a two or three-day shelf life in which they can be sold."

British sandwiches are also now sold in other French supermarket chains and in Delhaize stores in Belgium. Buckingham exports more than a dozen varieties, all made in English bread with imaginative fillings — unlike the simple ham or cheese baguettes to which the French are accustomed.

Other companies in France assemble British sandwiches from ingredients supplied from Britain. Fresh Food Village sells its sandwiches in France's Prisunic stores. A company in Brittany packs English sandwiches in gas-flushed packets which give the product a shelf life of up to 14 days.

Peter Bartlett, managing director of Breadwinners, whose sandwiches sell in Tesco, Safeway and Harrods, said: "The principal problem at the moment is that the French cannot get their head around the idea of chilled fresh food delivered just in time for immediate consumption. They do not understand the logistics."

Mr Bartlett was, though, on the look-out for competent retailers who might take an interest in a cosmopolitan range of sandwiches, from roasted vegetables in focaccia to chicken and mixed leaves in a French baguette. Other recipes include Edam cheese and apple and mozzarella and sun-dried tomato paste, not forgetting BLT.

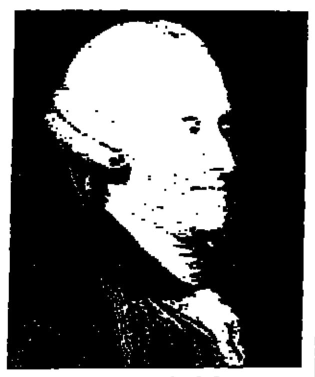
Most exotic of all is a Valentine Day sandwich with chocolate bread and a filling of mascarpone, peach and passion fruit. There is even a surprise chocolate in the pack, as what the French would call a *bonne bouche*.

Two British bagel companies are also at the show, hoping to follow in the wake of the sandwiches' success — Ridles Bagel Company and Mr Bagel. "We are already exporting to Spain, Gibraltar and Greece," said Dave Nickisson, on the Mr Bagel stand. "The bagels already on the market are too hard and too chewy. Ours are soft and pliable, and we introducing at this show a pizza bagel as a new product to add to our cinnamon and raison and poppy-seed versions."

An earl's whim that changed our diet

WHEN, in 1762, John Montagu, the 4th Earl of Sandwich, slapped a slice of beef between two pieces of toast because he was too busy concentrating on the gaming tables to eat properly, he had no idea that his inventiveness would one day lead to a business worth £2 billion a year (Russell Jenkins writes).

The industry has grown so large that it requires the British Sandwich Association to look after its interests. Britons spend £5.2 million a day on ready-made sandwiches, consuming 1.3 billion a year from 8,000 outlets. A survey published last July disclosed that the Scots are particularly enthusiastic sandwich-eaters. The late Elvis Presley's gargantuan sandwich concoctions are legendary.



The first sandwich-man

However, the biggest sandwich ever made was created in Taipei. It was 2,000 ft long, with 1,320 lbs of bread and 3,080 lbs of filling.

Sandwiches call for caution and hygienic handling. They are a magnet for bacteria. In 1994 there were 82,000 incidents of food poisoning reported to the Public Health Laboratory in Colindale, north London.

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Thousands back widow's call for good citizenship

Mrs Lawrence yesterday: she wants to "banish violence"

By Joanna Bale

THOUSANDS of people have backed Frances Lawrence's call for a national debate about ways of tackling violence and promoting good citizenship.

They expressed their support in telephone calls, faxes and letters to *The Times* and to Mrs Lawrence's home in Ealing, west London, over the past three days. Many were from concerned parents and teachers, whom Mrs Lawrence wants to see leading a nationwide grassroots movement "dedicated to healing our fractured society and banishing violence".

Lynne Drewett told how she set up a neighbourhood scheme in February to combat youth crime in Swanscombe and Greenhithe near Dartford, Kent, after her 16-year-old son was arrested with other teenagers for a petty offence. She said: "We hope Mrs Lawrence will be an inspiration to others to do something in their area.

"As a parent I wanted to help my son and teenagers like him in a practical way. We spoke to youths on the streets and the police to find out why young people were turning to crime. We then organised a summer scheme for younger children to keep them occupied during the school holidays and a drop-in centre for older ones.

"Unfortunately, the drop-in centre was wrecked by the very teenagers it was meant for. We are finding it a struggle to get support to continue so we welcome Mrs Lawrence's campaign. We hope that people will be encouraged to give practical and financial support to schemes like ours."

Jeanne Turner, a former teacher at an inner city school in Sheffield said that the problem of falling standards of discipline and morals in schools was partly due to the trend of older teachers being made redundant to make way for younger, cheaper staff. She suggested that one way of enhancing teachers' status — which Mrs Lawrence has called for — would be to keep older, more experienced staff.

She said: "There are few teachers in their fifties left with the expertise to encourage morality and family values in the classroom. People from my generation want to do something to help but no one wants to employ us in any position of authority because we are considered too old. I hope Mrs Lawrence's campaign can change that so that people of all ages can work together to solve these problems."

Shirley Day of Bushey, Hertfordshire, said: "In recent years I have wracked my brains about what I can do to help solve the problems that Mrs Lawrence talks about. Sadly, with all her grief, she has got the opportunity now to do this.

"Every age group has its problems — all the decent things have fallen by the wayside. We all have something to learn from this and I would like to congratulate *The Times* for conveying it in such a moving way." Margaret Morrissey of the National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations said her members backed Mrs Lawrence's call for a ban on combat knives.

She said: "It would make sense whilst dealing with the gun laws to include knife laws. One wonders why this has not already been done. It would be naive to think that this would erase knives and guns from our streets but it must help."

The group also called for more government support for some of Mrs Lawrence's other aspirations, such as raising the status of police and teachers. Mrs Morrissey added: "Successive Secretaries of State and Ministers have and still do criticise our teachers. It may not be their intention to lower the teachers' standing in the eyes of the public, but that is what happens. Sadly it will take more years to rebuild the status of our professional people than it took the Government to smash it."

Philip Shepherd of Imagine Nations United, a British-based international group which campaigns against violence, said: "Mrs Lawrence's initiative is a catalyst for the shift in attitudes which is so desperately needed."

He is organising a linking of hands from Edinburgh to London in May to express unity and sympathy for victims of violence, and to promote anti-violence initiatives among young people.

Shephard says crusade gives edge to plan to teach morality

By David Charter and Jill Sherman

CITIZENSHIP lessons will be tried out in schools across the country as part of the Government's drive to promote values in the classroom, Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, said yesterday.

Mrs Shephard said she was inspired by the example of Frances Lawrence and wanted an agreed moral code adopted by schools.

Mrs Shephard said she would consider accelerating the work of the National Forum for Values in Education on preparing a code after speaking to the widow of Philip Lawrence, the headmaster stabbed to death as he intervened to protect a pupil attacked outside his school.

The forum was set up by the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority to consult widely on ten new "commandments" for the classroom and plans for citizenship lessons when the national curriculum is revised in 2000.

Mrs Shephard said: "I spoke to Mrs Lawrence on Saturday and I am well aware that she wants a debate and not a manifesto at this stage. We both know more than education is involved. SCAA will implement a two-year pilot of guidance materials in preparation for the next review of the curriculum. It seems to me a very great deal of the work of the authority answers a lot of the points raised by Mrs Lawrence and her debate will help give some urgency to its work. We will see whether we need to accelerate the work and there will be nothing placed in the way of the pilot."

Mrs Shephard and David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, appeared to try to outbid each other in their response to Mrs Lawrence's manifesto to curb violence in society. Mr Blunkett said that Labour would introduce classes in good citizenship as part of the national curriculum for primary and secondary schools.

He admitted that there were constraints in timetabling for the national curriculum, but that room should be found for civic lessons. Mr Blunkett said the intention was "to ensure that the teaching of citizenship is central to the development of young people from the earliest possible moment". Aides said this would involve the teaching of old-fashioned "civics" — how society and government works — mixed with rights and responsibilities.

Shephard: inspired by Frances Lawrence

Children would be taught the basics of right and wrong and lessons could involve visits from local policemen, or other members of the local community, such as vicars. Mr Blunkett pointed out that the lessons would also fit in with Labour's plans for a national citizens' service for young people who had left school. They would help with keeping the environment clean and other community duties, such as helping the disabled and elderly.

Labour also plans to address Mrs Lawrence's specific call for improvements in teaching. Mr Blunkett has set out a series of proposals which includes the sacking of bad teachers, improving the quality of teacher-training and introducing a probationary year for new teachers.

The SCAA will begin consultation next month on a moral code centred around four key values: those related to the self, to relationships, to society and to the environment. A statement about what these values mean and how pupils can demonstrate them would form the basis of citizenship lessons, delivered through guided debate.

The authority will also propose community service for all youngsters, such as helping the elderly. Trainee teachers will be given more instruction in religious and secular moral traditions.

Mrs Shephard said she was "very impressed" with Mrs Lawrence. "What a brave person. I imagine this is all bringing it back hideously and I hope it is helping her cope at this time. She is amazing".

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, said all teachers would fully support Mrs Lawrence's message, but he called for schools to take their own stand against indiscipline by expelling children who broke codes of behaviour.

He said: "I believe the time for firm action is long overdue. Schools must show by example that serious disruption and violence simply will not be tolerated." It was no accident, Mr de Gruchy said, that Philip Lawrence had found it necessary to expel 60 pupils during his brief time at St George's School, Maida Vale, west London. Others should follow his example.

Parents, as well as schools, needed to play their part and a Good Parenting Agency should be established. "A Good Parenting Agency could be charged with going out into the community to contact families and try to show them by example how their own interests would be better served by more positive and active parenting," he said.

David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said that as far as head teachers were concerned Mrs Lawrence was "pushing at an open door".

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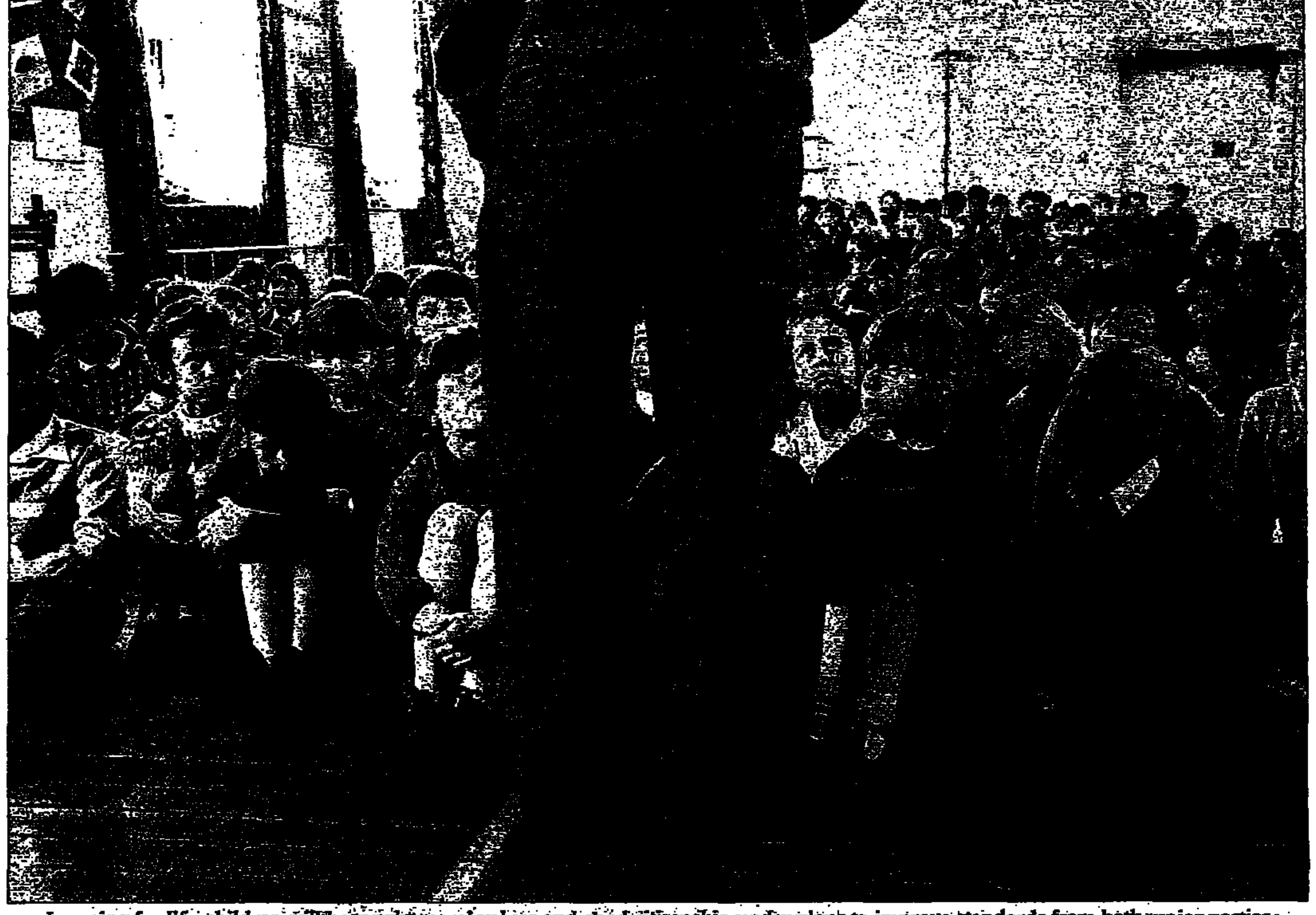

Learning for life: children will be taught moral values and good citizenship under plans to improve standards from both major parties

Scots address problems from first day at school

By Shirley English

CHILDREN in Scotland learn the rights and responsiblities of good citizens, together with the importance of values such as respect and honesty, from the day they start school.

Guidelines published three years ago by the Scottish Consultative Council on the Curriculum are aimed at developing positive attitudes in young people aged 5 to 14 and helping them to grow towards "effective citizenship". Teachers are asked to ensure that themes such as respect and caring for self and others, social responsibility, a commitment to learning and a sense of belonging underpin all lessons, from sport to mathematics.

Many primaries and all secondary schools also run weekly citizenship classes, known as personal and social development, in which children spend an hour learning what it means to be a right-thinking member of society.

Jean Campbell, head teacher at Glendale Primary School in Glasgow, said: "The vast majority are good citizens but there are now lots of issues which make life more complex for young people. We have to give them strict standards of how we expect them to behave and encourage them to behave."

At Glendale, which takes children from one of Glasgow's most deprived areas, pupils tackle abstract moral issues, such as trust, honesty, respect and responsiblity for their actions, through a mixture of games, role-playing and discussion.

Mrs Campbell has adopted a method known as "circle time", in which children sit in a circle to talk about a topic. They may learn about respect *through discussing bullying* and acting out how it feels from both sides. They then talk about feelings and are encouraged to discuss why such behaviour is not acceptable. Developing non-violent responses to problem-solving is an important part.

At Bellahouston Primary, which has a racially mixed intake from deprived areas of greater Govan, good citizenship starts with children being given a sense of belonging to the school community. Through themed lessons spanning all curriculum subjects, they are taught that with "belonging" come responsiblities for themselves, others within the school and for the buildings.

Rewarding children for good behaviour rather than simply punishing bad behaviour is an important part of the school's ethos.

George MacBride, who runs the development classes at Govan High School, believes citizenship lessons are about empowering young *people by raising their expectations*, helping them to make informed choices and achieve their potential. To do this, Govan High works towards giving pupils the emotional, social and practical skills they need for adult life, as well as instilling a sense of self-respect.

A slice of pizza for polite pupils

From Tom Rhodes in Washington

PLAGUED by lack of discipline, drug abuse and violence, American schools regularly promote citizenship programmes to encourage good behaviour.

New Hampshire has led the field since the state adopted a policy advocating character and citizenship education eight years ago and made it mandatory for teachers to be trained in the topic. At first attracting controversy — parents felt it was an agenda imposed either by the religious Right or the liberal Left — the system has since become popular throughout America, across party lines.

The language of the policy in New Hampshire and many other states is intentionally *broad, leaving districts to* decide how they should teach values in their own schools. Some employ a system of incentives while others recognise responsible conduct by placing students on a non-academic roll of honour. In schools in Virginia, for example, children are graded in as many as eight areas of citizenship, including responsibility, obeying rules and being truthful and courteous.

Elsewhere the reward is more tangible. Peacock Middle School in Chicago started a school lottery last year, providing tickets to all children who behaved with exceptional courtesy. The result was a 53 per cent drop in suspensions and a dramatic decline in the number of detentions meted out to students.

Each Friday, Reinhardt Nickisch draws three tickets, representing different age grades, and reads the winners over the school intercom. Prizes include pizzas, ice-creams and toys donated by local shops. This year a grand *draw will include a* stereo system and a bicycle.

"The lottery may sound like a bribe," Janet Lynch, the local guidance counsellor, said, "but it promotes good behaviour because the kids realise that bad behaviour is not getting them the attention that good behaviour does."

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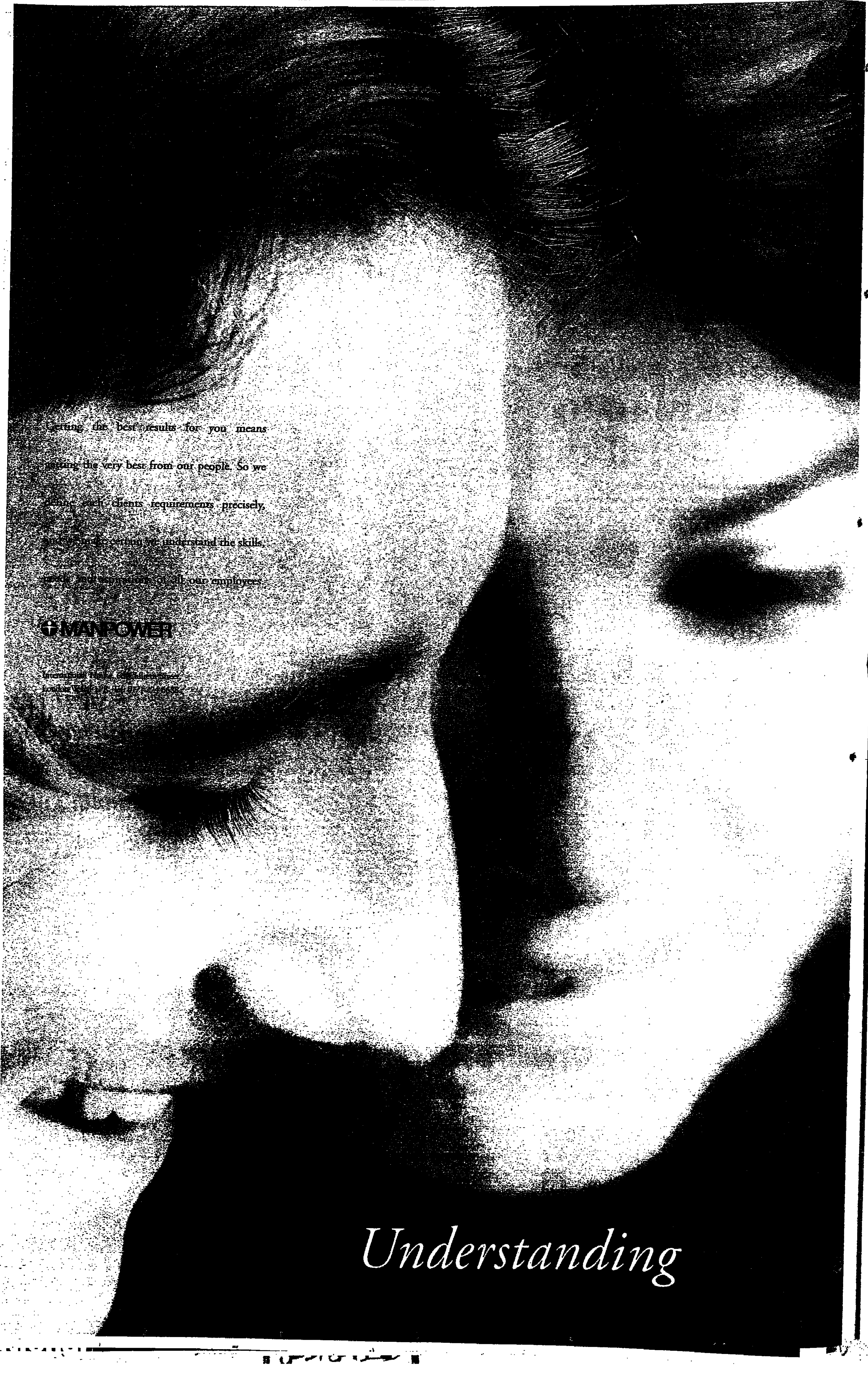

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Scots will have to pay to see Stone of Scone in Edinburgh

By Alan Hamilton

VISITORS will have to pay up to £5.50 each to see the Stone of Scone, the talisman of Scottish nationhood that has lain in Westminster Abbey for 700 years, when it is placed in Edinburgh Castle next month.

As a concession to nationalist sentiment Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, has agreed that entry will be free on two days each year: St Andrew's Day and a day in April before Edinburgh's tourist season starts in earnest. At present visitors pay up to £4 to see the stone in the Royal Chapel at Westminster Abbey.

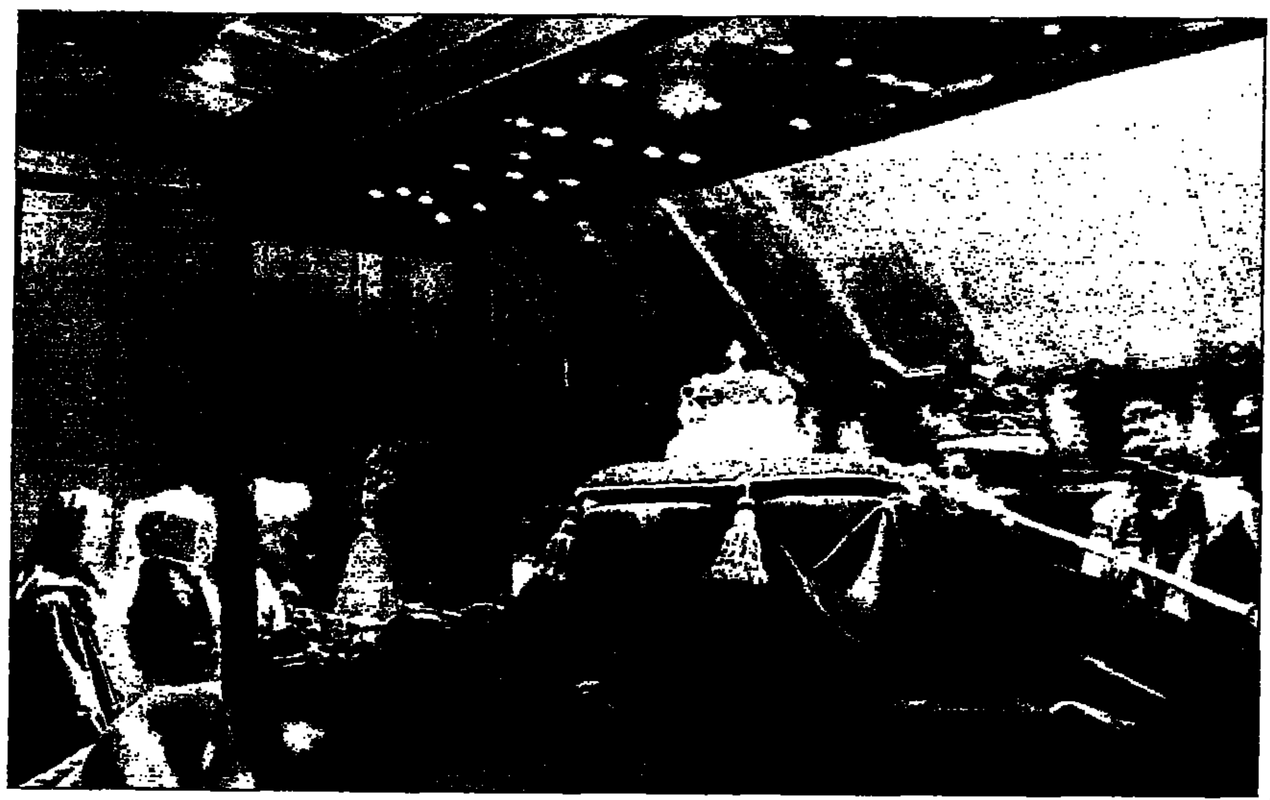
Mr Forsyth announced yesterday that the stone, a 336lb block of sandstone believed to have been the coronation chair of ancient Scottish kings, would be unveiled in its new home on November 30 — St Andrews's Day — in the same tiny room in the castle that houses the Honours of Scotland, Europe's oldest collection of crown jewels.

The Stone of Scone

Mr Forsyth's decision is a disappointment for Scone Palace, near Perth, from where the stone was removed by Edward I in 1296 to underline Scotland's failed hopes of independence. The Scottish Office said yesterday that the palace, open to the public but still privately owned by the Earl of Mansfield, did not have the facilities or security to cope, but left open the possibility that the stone could be moved there in the future.

Edinburgh Castle, which has one million visitors a year, has no historic connection with the stone. The Scottish Office announcement yesterday said that the castle had been chosen after 113 suggestions from the public as to where the stone should be sited. The castle was the most popular; the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh was also strongly favoured.

Other contenders included the ancient abbeys of Dunfermline and Arbroath, important sites in Scottish history, and the New Arlington Bar in Glasgow, where the stone is said to have rested briefly on its way from London after being stolen from Westminster Abbey by nationalist students in 1950.



The Crown Room in Edinburgh Castle, where the stone will go on display beside the Honours of Scotland

George Galloway, Labour MP for Glasgow Hillhead, even suggested that the stone be returned to Palestine, as tradition says that it was originally the pillow on which Jacob rested his head. Much will be made of the stone's progress north from Westminster Abbey, which is giving up one of its outstanding historic relics with reluctance, but is obliged to bow to the wishes of the Queen, who has sanctioned the move. The stone will have a military escort on its mad journey north, will be fêted with a ceremony as it crosses the border and be dedicated at a service in St Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh, on St Andrew's Day.

Some Scots have condemned the return of the stone to Scotland as one of the cheapest political tricks pulled by a Tory Government in more than 16 years in power. Alex Salmond, leader of the Scottish National Party, said recently that it showed the Tories' approach to Scotland to be "all stunts and no substance". Roseanna Cunningham, SNP MP for Perth and Kinross, which includes Scone, said the decision to allow two days a year free access was "a massive snub to Scots, whose property the stone is".

George Robertson, Shadow Scottish Secretary, repeated demands for a Scottish parliament "and not just the historical symbols of Scotland's power".

Pensioners inherit £5m worth of fun

By Paul Wilkinson

PENSIONERS are to benefit from a £5 million bequest from an eccentric millionaire who died seven years ago.

Douglas Kellett, of Chester-le-Street, Durham, who made his fortune in coal mining, brickmaking and importing tea, left the money to a charity in the North East with instructions for it to be spent on making life brighter for the elderly of the region. He died, aged 83, in 1989 but the money was released only yesterday after the death at 81 of his widow, Gwen, last month. The couple were childless and had decided their extended family already had enough money.

George Hepburn, director of the Tyne and Wear Foundation, which will look after the money, including the £250,000 annual interest, said: "It could incorporate new centres for the elderly where there would be activities, leisure centres and arts provision. I hope it is not just spent on Zimmer frames and nursing care."

Reluctance to sell leads to housing market stalemate

By Rachel Kelly, property correspondent

THE number of properties for sale has dropped to the lowest for eight years, frustrating people wanting to move.

A survey of the past quarter by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors found that although the housing market was enjoying an upturn, owners were reluctant to put their properties on the market. Ian Perry of the RICS, which has 90,000 members, said the shortage was at its worst in the South of England but was becoming a problem elsewhere.

He said that reluctance to sell stemmed from hopes of further, sometimes over-optimistic, price rises. People willing to sell could not find a suitable property to buy.

Mr Perry said: "This stalemate in the market is exacerbated by the remnants of negative equity and the promise of windfalls next year as a result of several leading building societies converting into banks. The scarcity of property is forcing up prices and desirable properties are being sold extremely quickly, giving the false impression that a boom is imminent."

A survey by the National Association of Estate Agents found that 76 per cent of its members said demand was outstripping supply; nearly 40 per cent of agents said they had witnessed gazumping. The worst affected areas are London and the Home Counties, where good quality family homes are routinely sold before the particulars can be printed.

Paddy Stewart Morgan, from Cluttons, said: "Within a 50-mile radius of London, demand has been exceeding supply for the past nine to twelve months, especially for character houses. Properties within the £300,000 to £400,000 bracket are in greatest demand thanks to city bonuses, the feeling that the market is on the move, and low interest rates."

The RICS survey found that the number of houses for sale was down by a third on a year earlier. More positively, Mr Perry said, prices were continuing to rise throughout the country. Four-bedroom and two to three-bedroom pre-1960 houses remain the most popular properties.

The report concludes that prices will moderate early next year and that the future growth of the housing market is now in the hands of those wishing to sell.

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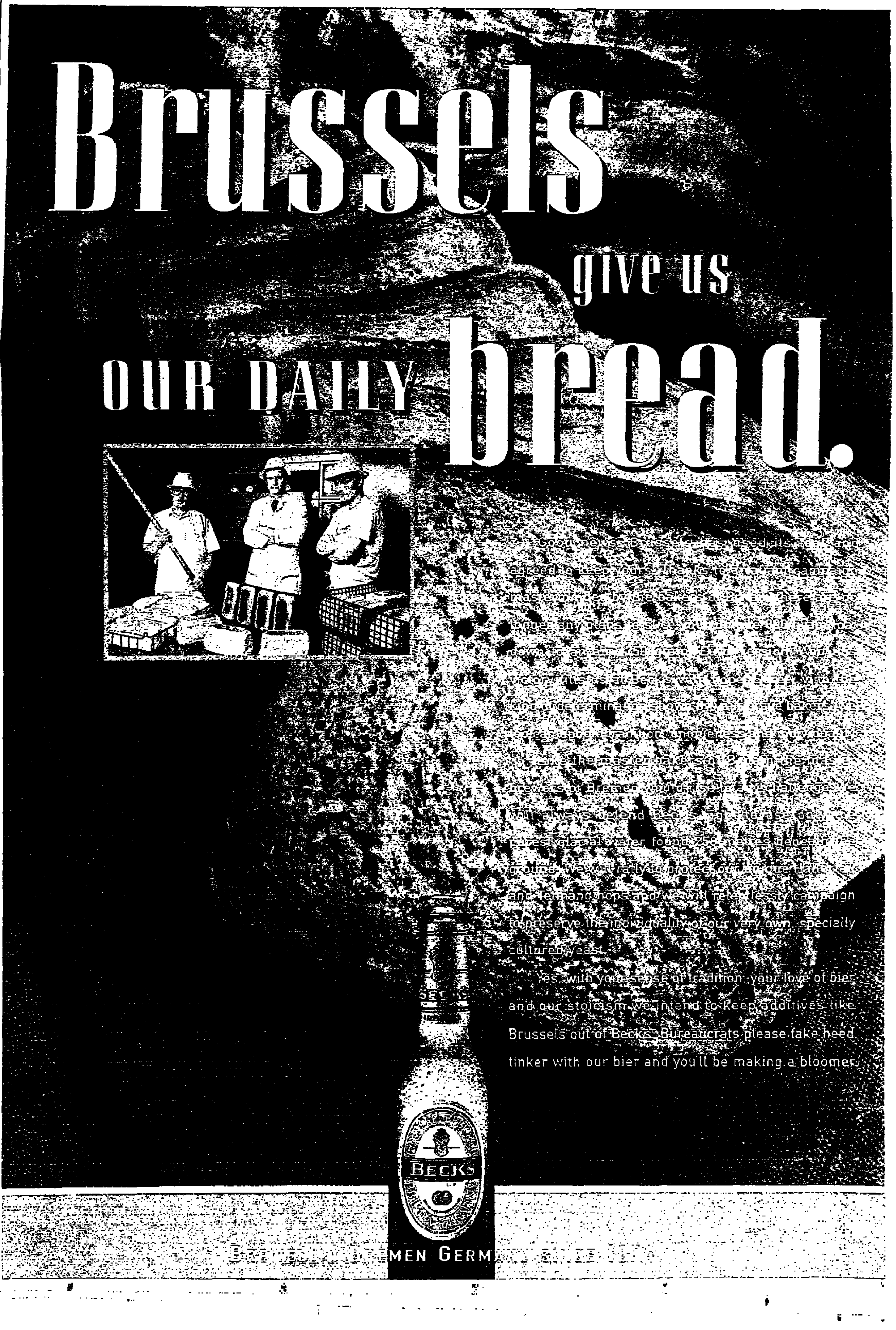

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Nature group seeks protection for harmless giant facing extinction in British waters

Oriental appetite for fins threatens the basking shark

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

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A basking shark feeding on plankton: harmless to man, there is evidence that it is being harassed off our shores

SOARING demand for shark fins used in oriental cooking has led to a steep rise in the global price and fears that the basking shark could become extinct in British waters.

Government wildlife advisers are trying to have *Cetorhinus maximus* listed as a protected species amid fears that fishermen desperate to make a living as traditional fish stocks fall will target the shark to supply the lucrative Far Eastern trade.

The Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC), with backing from groups including the Marine Conservation Society, is urging the Government to list the shark under the Wildlife and Countryside Act. It would make the basking shark, whose numbers have been falling worldwide, the first shark to be protected by British laws. The price of the delicacy has almost doubled to more than £28 a kilogram in just four years as demand has soared and sharks in some Far Eastern waters have been fished to the brink of extinction. Sam Pollard of the Marine Conservation Society said yesterday: "We need to act now before the price goes through the roof."

The main threat facing basking sharks in this country is from Norwegian fishermen. They have a European Commission-approved quota to harpoon 300 basking sharks a year in British waters. In return, British fishermen have the right to catch a quota of white fish in Norwegian waters. Dr Clare Eno, of the marine section of the JNCC, described the size of the shark quota as "outrageous ... and unsustainable". One British fisherman, based on the Clyde, fished basking sharks but his boat was recently decommissioned. Nevertheless the experts fear that fishermen here could resume catching basking sharks at any time as the stocks of more traditional species are squeezed by overfishing and a cut in EC quotas.

"Given the state of the fishing fleet, you only need a few collapses of stocks before people might start turning to shark fins. Once that happens you will never get it stopped and the population would soon be devastated," Dr Eno said.

There is also evidence that basking sharks — at 45ft the second largest fish after the whale shark, but harmless to man — are being harassed and killed for fun in British waters. Last year a shoal sighted in Carlyon Bay, Cornwall, was chased by power boats and jet skiers. There were several cases of basking sharks being found dead off the Welsh and southwest English coasts with deep cuts on their heads, thought to have been caused by boat hooks used to kill the animals and tow them alongside before being dumped.

The legal listing, which has been proposed to John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, would make it illegal to hunt, harass or deliberately injure a basking shark. Dr Eno said it was the first step to getting protection for the shark across European waters.

A meeting in Birmingham later this week, organised by the Sea Life Centres, will set up a European Elasmobranch [the class of fish including sharks] Society to further the cause of sharks generally and the basking shark in particular.

The Department of the Environment said: "We would hope to bring in an amendment to the Act in the spring. There is a groundswell of opinion in favour of listing the basking shark." A spokesman said the views of the Scottish Office would be crucial to securing the go-ahead. A few years ago it blocked a similar move, upholding fishermen's rights over conservation interests.

A few weeks ago the basking shark was listed as vulnerable by the World Conservation Union.

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Blind give their eye teeth for new sight

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

A SURGEON plans to give a new twist to the old adage, an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. He aims to renew the sight of two blind patients by transplanting modified teeth into their eyes.

Christopher Liu, a consultant ophthalmic surgeon at the Sussex Eye Hospital in Brighton, said the technique involved removing a tooth from the patient, drilling a hole through it and using it to support a plastic lens. The operation is suitable for patients who have damaged corneas but who are unsuitable for corneal transplants.

The tooth is removed from the patient together with a piece of bone. It is shaped to provide a rectangular base, and drilled. The modified tooth, holding the plastic window, is inserted for at least two months into an incision made in the cheek just below the eye.

"This is to allow it to recover from the shock and make sure that all is well," Mr Liu said. The modified tooth is then placed in the eye after room has been made by removing the existing lens and some internal structure.

NEWS IN BRIEF

'SAS man' escapes charges over book

A bestselling author who admitted his book about an SAS death squad in Ulster was fiction will not be prosecuted for wasting police time. Paul Inman, of Weston-super-Mare, Avon, was arrested by murder squad detectives after he claimed in *The Nemesis File*, written under the name Paul Bruce, he was part of a gang that killed at least 30 IRA suspects and Roman Catholics.

Group 4 deal

Group 4 has won a £49 million contract to ferry inmates to court from 16 prisons in the North of England. The contract, for seven years, is expected to save the taxpayer £2.5 million a year. The Prison Service said the bid "represented the best combination of service and value for money".

Walker dead

A walker who disappeared in the Austrian Alps in June has been found dead by a hunter. Chris Broome, a sound engineer from Oxfordshire, had been on a hiking trip. He is believed to have strayed from a mountain path and fallen 50 metres into a gulley. An inquest will be held in Britain.

Bridlepath ban

Conservationists have won a five-year fight to ban four-wheel drive vehicles from a bridleway in Glatton, Cambridgeshire, in John Major's Huntingdon constituency. After four public inquiries and a High Court hearing the Environment Department has agreed it should not be a byway.

School eviction

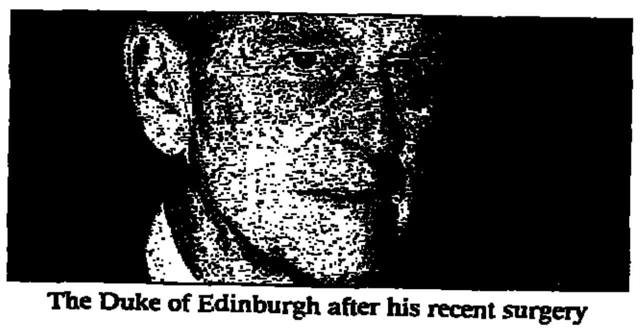
A former nursing sister at Harrow School has failed to halt her eviction from the flat she shares with her husband at the school. Marilyn and Roy Edey had asked the Court of Appeal to block a possession order until after her unfair dismissal case in December.

Goalposts death

Emma Barter, 2, died in hospital after a set of goalposts fell on her as she played with friends on a playing field in Ipswich, Suffolk. The children had gone to the field in the dark after a football match while the teams were preparing for a social evening.

Parent power

Parents of pupils at Cheltenham College have called a meeting with members of the school's governing body to demand the reinstatement of the headmaster. Peter Wilkes, 55, who was forced to resign when the school slipped in the examination league tables.



The Duke of Edinburgh after his recent surgery

The outdoor life leaves its mark

MEDICAL BRIEFING

THE skin of the Duke of Edinburgh's nose, before his recent surgery, would have made an excellent topic for discussion on a teaching ward round.

Changes in the skin can affect any part of an adult's body at any time, but are particularly common in fair-skinned people who have been exposed to the sun. The skin of the face and forearms is particularly vulnerable to skin cancers. Because they wear skirts, women may have suspicious lesions on their lower legs. The Duke's case illustrates all the risk factors: he is fair-skinned, lives an outdoor life and served in the Navy in the Mediterranean and the Far East, where the sun reflected off the sea is particularly damaging.

Most skin lesions removed are benign — as is assumed to be the case with the Duke's. Even in most of those cases in which lesions are cancerous, the malignancy is of a low order. If there is any doubt, an area is removed for study.

Basal cell carcinomas, known as rodent ulcers, are common around the face. Sometimes they appear as a small scaly red ulcer that won't heal, at other times like a pearly seed buried in the skin. They never spread to distant parts of the body. If they are carefully excised, the cure is complete. If they are allowed to grow, it can be impossible to remove them, and they can eat away the face.

Epitheliomas, the standard skin cancers that appear in the skin of people subjected to too much sun, are usually caught at a very early stage and normally respond to non-surgical treatment.

A malignant melanoma — a cancerous mole — is highly lethal if neglected. Patients and doctors look for changes in size and colour of the mole, an irregular outline and a patchy uneven colour. Later, the mole may ulcerate, bleed, itch or become very raised.

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Lost Gandhi papers shed light on months before his murder

BY JOHN VINCENT

IN A previously unknown collection of handwritten papers, Mahatma Gandhi lectures Mountbatten, accuses Churchill of disservice to India and laments the tragedy befalling his beloved country.

The dusty manuscripts, which detail the last eventful six months of the Indian leader's life, include the backs of old letters, envelopes and circulars and are written in pedantic, schoolmasterly English. The archive, which surfaced after languishing in a cupboard in Madras for almost half a century, has been valued at up to £800,000 and comes up for auction at Phillips next month.

After Gandhi's assassination by a Hindu fanatic in January 1948, drafts of speeches and letters by the man venerated as a moral teacher, reformer and dedicated patriot were safely stored by his devoted chief secretary V. Kalyanam, now in his seventies. Exactly when Mr Kalyanam obtained the papers is not clear, but he seems to have been given them for safekeeping either just before or just after Gandhi's death. Proceeds from the sale of the three loosely bound volumes will go towards the construction of a Hindu temple.

They contain drafts of important letters, magazine articles and "Monday speeches", delivered by a follower on Gandhi's day of silence. Many of the leader's more famous utterances on Indian independence are included, as well as his vow "to do or die" in bringing peace to Delhi.

The archive covers his last fast, the days leading up to his assassination and the prologue to his last will and testament. The letters and speeches, complete with crossings-out and alterations, are written in English in a plain notebook or on any paper to hand.

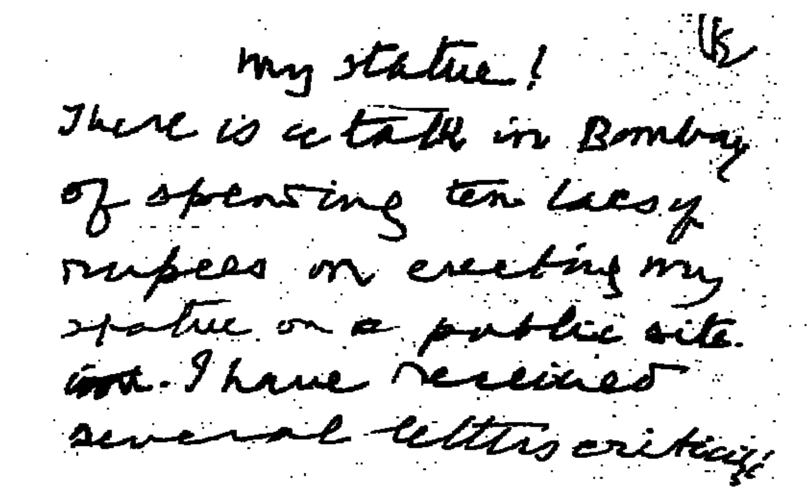
In a ten-page letter to Earl Mountbatten of Burma seven weeks before independence, Gandhi writes: "I pointed out the initial mistake of the British being party to splitting India into two. It is not possible to undo the mistake. [But] the very admirable doctrine of fair play . . . demands that I do not help the mistaken party to fancy that the mistake was no mistake."

There is also the original draft for a speech defending the newly independent India from attacks by Winston Churchill over the scale of butchery in the country. Churchill was a great man, one of the "blue blood" of England, he said. But, he added: "Mr Churchill had rendered a disservice to the nation of which he was a great servant. If he knew the fate that would befall India after she became free from the British yoke, did he for a moment stop to think that the blame belonged to the builders of the Empire?"

Many of the documents reflect Gandhi's horror at the violence between Hindus and Muslims that disfigured independence. After an exhaustive tour of Delhi, he described the new capital as "a city of the dead".

In a speech to workers in a Delhi cloth mill in 1947, Gandhi says that he would rather die than witness further violence. Writing in the third person, he says: "He had made his final choice. He had no desire to live to see the ruin of India through fratricide. His incessant prayer was that God would remove him before any such calamity descended upon their fair land."

Felix Pryor, Phillips's manuscripts consultant, spent a month sifting through the documents, deciphering the crabbed handwriting and putting the scripts in chronological order and historical context. He said: "It is difficult to over-emphasise the importance of this archive. It is like stumbling across Shakespeare's original draft for King Lear."



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A portrait of Gandhi taken in 1947, estimated to fetch £1,000 to £1,500 at auction

Yachtsman faces trial for ramming German U-boat

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE MASTER of a yacht faces court action after his vessel accidentally rammed a German U-boat in Portsmouth Harbour. Wob Gerretsen's crew could see only the top of the submarine and, in the dusk, thought it was a buoy.

Mr Gerretsen injured his arm in the impact although his 56ft yacht, *Harvest*, escaped serious damage and none of his crew of six were injured. The German government says the 159ft U22 submarine sustained about £20,000 of damage in the incident.

Mr Gerretsen, a Dutch national who works in Britain, was sailing *Harvest* to Holland when the collision occurred. The submarine was entering Portsmouth Harbour for the Navy Days festival.

Mr Gerretsen said the main structure of the submarine did not appear damaged but believed the high cost of repairs could be because the bow of his yacht sliced into a sonar dome.

He is being prosecuted by the Ministry of Defence for failing to keep a proper lookout and is due to appear before magistrates at Portsmouth on November 25. If convicted he could face up to two years in prison. He could also face a private action from the German Government for compensation after the accident on the evening of May 24.

Mr Gerretsen, 52, of Chobham, Surrey, claimed that the submarine had not been properly lit. "Visibility was very poor at the time and the crew saw a black object which they didn't recognise," he said. "They thought it was a buoy and tried to avoid it but when they got closer it turned out to be a German submarine."

The submarine was about five to six feet out of the water, with the tower about 10ft above the waterline, Mr Gerretsen said.

"It was all painted black and submarines are made not to be seen. It was too late to take any action. All I could do was brace myself. They claimed they had their lights on, but I don't think they had — that is something only the courts can decide."

A spokesman for the military department of the German Embassy in London said that if the court case proved Mr Gerretsen was to blame his Government would seek compensation.

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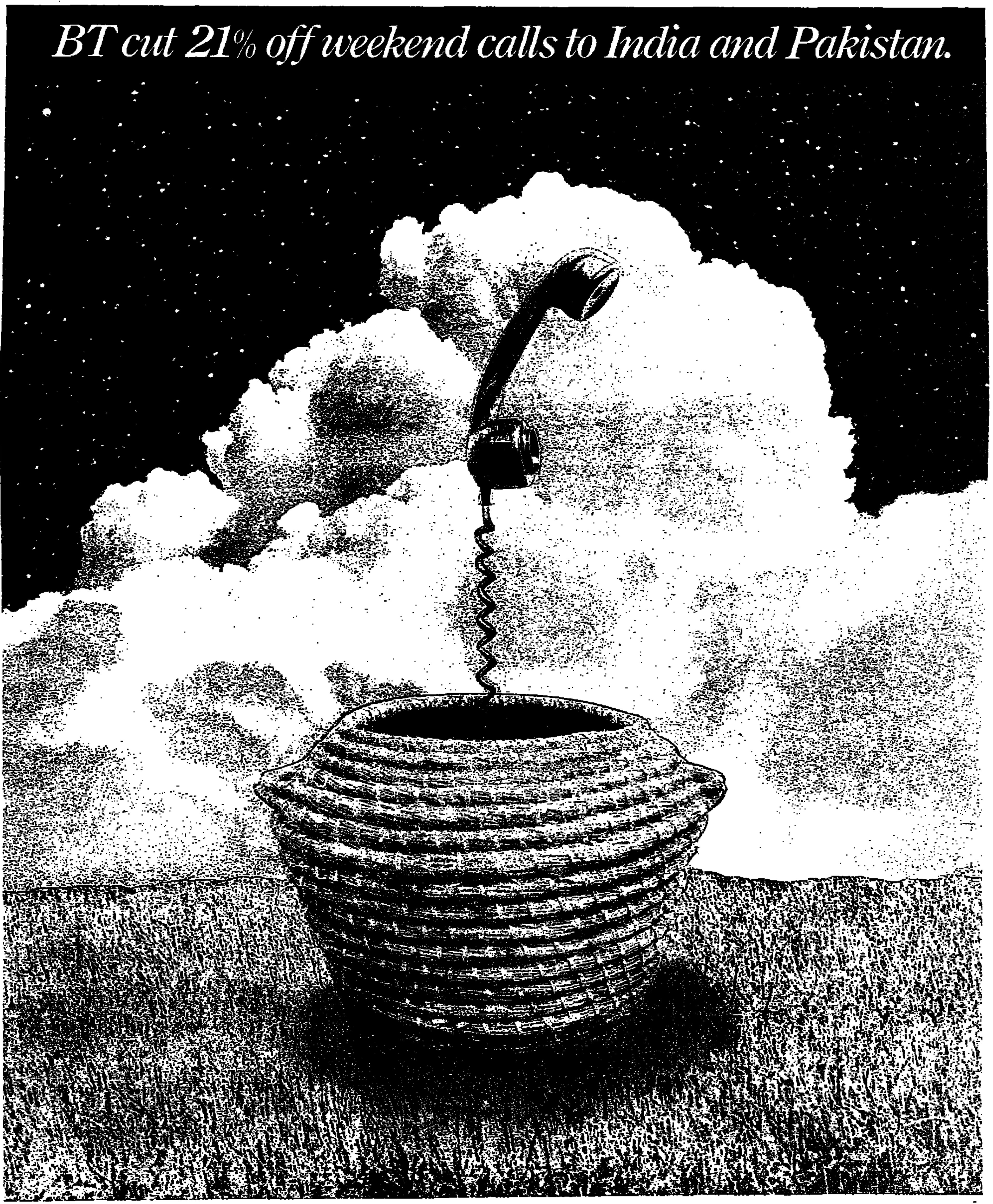

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Chancellor signals millennial ambitions as party rewards him with collective embrace

Kohl's people champion cause of common man

From Roger Boyes
in Bonn

HELMUT KOHL, the German Chancellor, yesterday shrugged aside his Government's serious financial crisis and declared European monetary union and a more politically integrated continent to be within reach. "Ladies and gentlemen, we will do it!" he bellowed to the applause of almost one thousand Christian Democratic delegates at the party conference.

Outside the Congress Centre in Hanover several hundred farmers hurled rotten apples at Jochen Borchert, the Agriculture Minister, and demanded a more active German policy on "mad cow disease".

"We expect you to speak up more strongly for our interests in Brussels," came the megaphoned demand from Wilhelm Niemeyer, Lower Saxony farmers' leader.

Inside, the delegates were not so much concerned with debate as polishing a monument. There was not a rotten apple in sight. Herr Kohl, party leader for 23 years, was elected again with the kind of majority that would have made Enver Hoxha, the former Albanian dictator, proud.

On October 31, the Chancellor will overtake Konrad Adenauer and become the longest-serving German leader this century, and so the party conference has become, even more than usual, a kind of collective embrace.

"It is the magic of kinship," said a starry-eyed young delegate from the east as Herr Kohl waded through the crowds on way to lunch.

The adulation of the conference is not reflected in the Chancellor's popularity in the country at large. A weekend opinion poll showed that in terms of personal popularity the Chancellor is only three points ahead of Gerhard Schröder, his likely Social Democratic challenger, and that his coalition is more dependent than ever on the survival of his junior coalition partner, the Free Democrats.

The Christian Democrats are, together with their Bavarian cousins, the Christian Social Union, the strongest party with 41 per cent but the Free Democrats are only just hovering above the 5 per cent mark needed for parliamentary representation. If the party collapses there will be little to stop the progress of a Social Democrat-Green alternative Government. Indeed, the polls show that an election held next Sunday would topple the Kohl Government or at least bring it to the very edge.

Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, is being blamed for a budgetary mess which has left Bonn struggling to find extra revenue in order to keep the country within the deficit criterion for entry to European monetary union.

The Free Democrats are under criticism for allowing an unpopular "solidarity" tax to stay in place. Over the past week the Free Democrats have lost their image as a tax-cutting party.

The Chancellor thus devoted an unusually large chunk of his speech to swearing loyalty to the junior party. He gave a broad hint that the Christian Democrats should do all they can to support the Free Democrats.

"Every partner has to ensure the success of the other in a coalition government," he said. That meant clearly identifying the enemy — a potential Social Democrat-Green coalition — and fortifying the centre ground.

"We must stay firmly in the centre, rejecting extremes from right and from left, and also rejecting radical solutions," he said.

Thatcherism was out, he emphasised. "We are the party of the social market." Combating unemployment was the primary goal. The Christian Democrats had to present themselves, like the British Conservatives, as the party of the common man. Wealthy tax dodgers had to be pursued and the party had to set the tone for the country, claiming the moral high ground and stamping out corruption.

There was no avoiding a future European currency. "Peace and freedom are the priorities for the next century — and I say this again even though it has been deliberately misconstrued abroad — but, I warn you, peace and freedom do not come free, even for Germans."

The price of European security was European monetary union and a more efficient, better integrated Europe that was capable, for example, of fighting organised crime and drug mafias. "Since my first European summit in Copenhagen in December 1982, I have heard again and again that this will all never happen," Herr Kohl said. However, during the last Dublin summit, he had sensed a "psychological breakthrough" and a deeply integrated union was now "irrevocable". Plainly the party wanted a commitment from the Chancellor that he would stand for re-election in October 1998.

He did not do so, but hinted that he would still be there when Germany staged the Expo 2000 exhibition. The whole millennial context of the Christian Democratic conference suggested that the Chancellor would still be at its helm in four years' time.

Bonn: German women were targeted by Helmut Kohl yesterday as the Chancellor, his popularity on the wane, tried to convince them that his Christian Democratic Party was not a closed club of blue-suited sexists (Roger Boyes writes).

"We are not a macho party," he said before the CDP dutifully voted at its annual conference to reserve 30 per cent of its posts for women, enabling more to enter parliament. At present they make up 25 per cent of the 700,000-strong party membership, but only 15 per cent of its deputies.

The move — it failed to get through last year — aims to show Herr Kohl as a moderniser and to win back those scared away by welfare cuts. But his party still lags behind the Greens — with a 50 per cent quota — and the Social Democrats, who reserve 40 per cent of their offices for women and have pledged that 40 per cent of elected posts will be allotted to them by 1998.

ROBERTO PFEIL/AP

Helmut Kohl addresses the Christian Democratic party convention yesterday

Former anti-Yeltsin plotter in landslide poll victory

Rutskoi: elected as governor with 79 per cent of vote

From Richard Beeston
in Moscow

GENERAL Aleksandr Rutskoi, one of President Yeltsin's most implacable enemies, staged a remarkable comeback yesterday when he scored a landslide victory in an election race for a powerful regional governorship.

General Rutskoi, who led the bloody uprising against the Kremlin leader in October 1993, won 79 per cent of the votes for the Kursk region, a rich agricultural area 300 miles south of Moscow. Vasili Shuteyev, the Kremlin-backed incumbent, was roundly defeated, scoring only 18 per cent.

The victory automatically gives General Rutskoi a seat in the Federation Council, the upper house of parliament, and could catapult the mustachioed former fighter pilot back into the frontline of the opposition ranks.

"It is a serious defeat for democracy," said Sergei Belyaev, the head of the pro-government Our Home Is Russia faction in the Duma, the lower house of parliament.

General Rutskoi, who grew up in Kursk, first came to prominence in 1991 when President Yeltsin chose him as his running-mate in Russia's first presidential elections.

However, relations between the two men quickly deteriorated as the former Afghan war hero sided with the hardline opposition against the Kremlin leader. The conflict came to a bloody end in October 1993 when General Rutskoi led the uprising against the Kremlin, which responded by shelling the White House and arresting the leaders of the revolt.

General Rutskoi was jailed for several months and finally amnestied by parliament. He had operated in relative obscurity within the Communist-led opposition until his victory yesterday. The win was particularly impressive since the local authorities had attempted to prevent him standing and he was only registered late last week, leaving him 36 hours to campaign.

The setback in Kursk was compounded by defeats for two other pro-Yeltsin governors, in the Baltic enclave of Kaliningrad and the central Russian region of Kirov.

Vyacheslav Nikonov, who helped engineer President Yeltsin's re-election victory this summer and is now one of the main campaign organisers for the regional polls, predicted that the Kursk result could change the face of opposition politics in Russia.

"Rutskoi did not have a political platform before today, now he has a governorship and a seat in parliament," said Mr Nikonov. "He could become a major force in the opposition, perhaps even its future leader."

Ever since the defeat of Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist Party leader who came second in last summer's presidential race, the nationalist and left-wing opposition groups have been looking for a more charismatic figure to back.

'Aids cure' scientist may face charges

From Ben Macintyre
in Paris

A FRENCH medical researcher, whose "miracle drug" was allegedly used to treat the late François Mitterrand for cancer, has been placed under formal legal investigation on charges of illegally manufacturing medicine.

Mirko Beljanski, 73, a molecular biologist and former researcher at the prestigious Pasteur Institute, is the central figure in a bitter medical dispute in France, where he is regarded as a life-saving medical genius by some and a dangerous quack by others.

In 1989 Professor Beljanski, who was born in Yugoslavia and is not a medical doctor, claimed to have discovered an anti-viral treatment for cancer and Aids which he called BP100. The treatment was never officially authorised, but hundreds of cancer and Aids sufferers obtained the drug through various channels now under investigation.

One of Mitterrand's doctors prescribed BP100 for his prostate cancer, according to numerous French press reports which have never been denied by the former President's entourage. In 1994 the professor was found guilty of illegally practising medicine and the French Health Ministry formally banned his products. But Professor Beljanski allegedly continued to sell BP100 "under the table, convinced of the effectiveness of his discovery", according to *Le Figaro*.

Earlier this month police raided his laboratory after the legal authorities renewed charges of "illegally practising pharmacy and medicine" and launched a fresh assault on Professor Beljanski's network.

The French Association for Aids Research has conducted a rigorous examination of BP100, the precise ingredients of which are secret, and concluded that the medicine has no specific anti-viral effect. But an estimated 1,000 people in France are currently undergoing treatment with BP100. The pills cost around Fr1,500 (£189) a month.

Professor Beljanski claims he is the victim of an economic conspiracy. "The big pharmaceutical laboratories wanted to hold on to their markets," he said recently.

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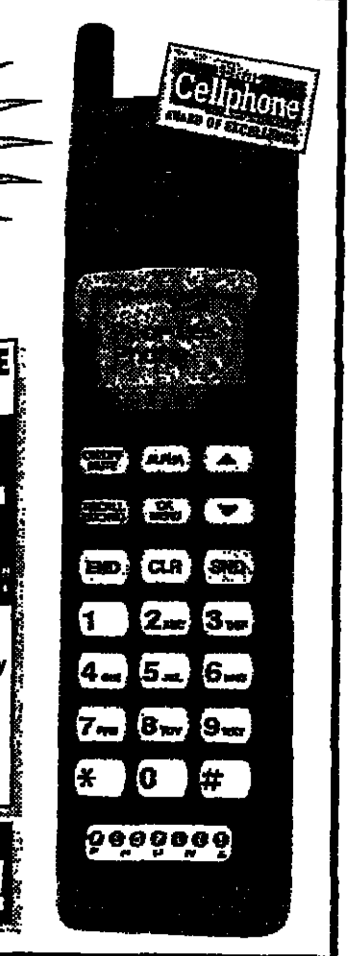

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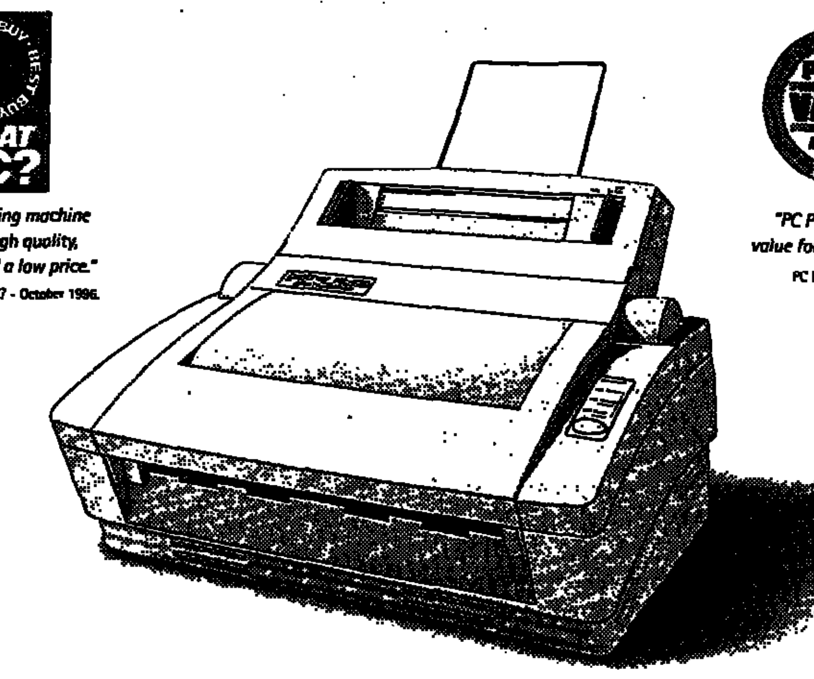

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Chirac will address the Palestinian legislature

Israelis frosty to Chirac

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

JACQUES CHIRAC, the French President, arrived in Israel yesterday to a hostile reception from many right-wing supporters of the Government who dismissed him as a blatantly pro-Arab politician who had in the past sanctioned the sale of a nuclear reactor to President Saddam Hussein of Iraq.

The official reception was correct but cool, with members of the Cabiner ruling out any question of the European Union dispatching its own Middle East envoy, as M Chirac had earlier advocated.

"We reject it completely," David Levy, the Foreign Minister, said.

Among those boycotting sections of M Chirac's two-day stay was Uzi Landau, chairman of the Knesset's foreign affairs and defence committee and a member of the ruling Likud party.

"The French President is hostile to Israel," he declared. "He is a prominent pro-Arab statesman, who called Saddam Hussein 'the Arab de Gaulle'."

M Chirac's last-minute decision to reverse his earlier refusal to visit the Knesset — although he will not to speak there — when tomorrow he will become the first foreign head of state to address the 88-seat Palestinian legislature in Ramallah, failed to mollify many Israelis.

Moshe Peled, the Deputy Education Minister, announced that he would walk out of the Knesset plenum the moment that M Chirac took his seat in protest against what he claimed was a slight both to the parliament and to the state of Israel.

Jailed star witness says First Lady to be indicted

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

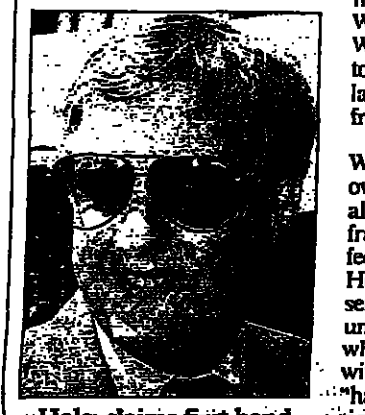
IN HIS first interview from a prison cell, the Arkansas banker who helped to convict three former associates of President Clinton and his wife Hillary, claimed yesterday that the First Lady faced certain indictment after the American elections.

David Hale, the star prosecution witness in the Whitewater hearings and a former Arkansas political insider, said it was a "certainty" that Mrs Clinton would be charged by Kenneth Starr, the independent counsel, once the cloud of partisan politics had lifted after the polls in November. Mr Clinton could also face charges.

"I can tell you that Hillary is going to be indicted on 13 to 18 counts involving obstruction of justice, lying to federal investigators, and misleading federal regulators," Hale told *The Wall Street Journal*, the Clintons' journalistic nemesis. "I believe some of the charges will relate to obstruction at the White House."

Hale, who is serving a 28-month sentence, predicted that Mr Clinton subsequently would immediately pardon both his wife and Jim Guy Tucker, the Arkansas Governor convicted on Whitewater charges.

Susan McDougal, a former Clinton partner in the failed Arkansas land deal who is serving a two-year sentence, would not be granted an amnesty, the former banker said. The only witness to have claimed first-hand knowledge of the President's involvement in any crime, Hale has alleged that Mr Clinton put pressure on him to make a $300,000 (£188,000) loan to Mrs McDougal in 1983. The White House has consistently described the allegation as a "bunch of bull".


Hale: claims first-hand knowledge of dealings

Hale is still viewed as a credible witness in many quarters. In more than two years as a co-operative witness he has spent hundreds of hours with Mr Starr and his colleagues and is thought to know much about their evidence.

His statements appear to confirm a web of deceit that clung to the Clintons in Arkansas and followed them through the early years in Washington. He described the First Couple as the Harry and Harriet Houdini of American politics, a pair of master escape artists.

Hale claimed that Mrs Clinton, as a lawyer in Arkansas, drafted a document that was used to deceive bank inspectors and divert a payment of $300,000 to one of her partner's relatives.

Prosecutors are investigating the so-called Castle Grande deal in which Madison Guaranty, the bank at the heart of Whitewater, is said to have made loans to Seth Ward. Mr Ward's son-in-law, Webster Hubbell, was a Clinton law partner who is now languishing in prison for fraud.

Hale said Mrs Clinton, Mr Ward and Jim McDougal, the owner of Madison who has also been found guilty of fraud, all conspired to mislead federal regulators in the deal. He said Mr McDougal, whose sentencing has been delayed until after the elections and who is said to be co-operating with the Whitewater inquiry, "has very significant information to offer about these transactions".

JOHN GASTALDO AP

Hillary Clinton, accused by Hale of conspiring to deceive bank inspectors

Dole urges funding ban

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

BOB DOLE, the Republican candidate for the US presidency, has called for a fundamental overhaul of the American system of financing election campaigns — including a ban on donations from companies, unions, wealthy individuals and foreigners.

His move came in the wake of disclosures that the Democrats had taken $700,000 (£440,000) in contributions from Indonesian and Korean companies. John Huang, the party fund-raiser responsible for the contributions, was removed from his duties on Friday while the foreign donations are investigated; some have been returned.

Democrats have replied that Mr Dole is an unlikely champion of electoral reform, having raised more than $100 million in his political lifetime from the donors he now criticises. They also note that the Republican Party has returned a $15,000 donation from a Canadian company.

The vulnerability of both parties to these charges emphasises why Mr Dole's move will have widespread appeal. Spending by both parties in this election, the most expensive in US history, has prompted accusations that campaign finance rules, drawn up two decades ago after Watergate, are brazenly flouted.

The Washington Post has called the present system a "charade" and a "fig leaf", and claimed both candidates have made "a final mockery of the campaign laws". Common Cause, a pressure group, has asked Janet Reno, the Attorney-General, to appoint an independent counsel to investigate spending by both the Dole and Clinton teams, and mount criminal prosecutions for any violations.

Hunt vote threatens Wild West lifestyle

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

THE old Wild West trapper of popular imagination, with coyote fur cap, toothless grin and bloody mitt, may find his way of life changed for good after the US election.

Animal rights protesters have succeeded in placing anti-field sports motions before the electorates of several states on November 5. Voters in Colorado, Idaho, Washington, Michigan, Oregon and Massachusetts will all have the chance to express their preferences on certain types of hunting at the same time as choosing between Bill Clinton and Robert Dole.

The motions represent a threat to a cherished way of life in the American West, where hundreds of thousands of people are preparing for the start of the season this coming weekend.

Jim Posewitz, 61, a Montana wildlife authority, yesterday admitted that field sports fans in the US need to arm themselves, politically speaking, against the "antis".

"These votes will be a good wake-up call for us," said Mr Posewitz.

"Hunting in America has no regard for social status or wealth," said Mr Posewitz. "Wildlife belongs to everyone, regardless of land ownership."

The hunting vote concentrates on rural pursuits which hunters know can be hard to defend in front of city dwellers: trapping, poisoning and bear-baiting. The proposers of the votes argue that these practices are cruel. Farmers reply that traps are often the only way of protecting livestock from attacks by cougar, lynx and coyote. They add that wild animals such as the beaver, while photogenic, can cause widespread natural damage unless numbers are checked.

Mr Posewitz says that going out to hunt for supper is still widespread in his home state of Montana. "Half the households around here have a hunter," he said. "In my family of four, 80 per cent of our meat is wild. I get two deer, one elk and one antelope a year, and that pretty much does us, apart from a few chickens we buy."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Belgians hold more protests

Brussels: Thousands protested again yesterday over official bungling in Belgium's child murder case as the Government began drafting reforms, including an end to the appointment of judges based on party allegiance (Charles Bremner writes).

In half a dozen towns, people stopped work in anger over "state indifference" to a paedophile ring said to have been led by Marc Dutroux. The protests, which were small in comparison with Sunday's "White March" in Brussels, signal continuing anger over what the political establishment concedes is a failure of the country's institutions.

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Ortega defiant

Arnoldo Aleman of the Liberal Party Alliance claimed victory in Nicaragua's presidential election as early results showed him well ahead. But Sandinista rival Daniel Ortega refused to concede.

Mayor killed

Paris: Ali Boucetta, the Mayor of Algiers, was reported to have died in the Algerian capital, apparently hit by a stray bullet from a gun battle between Muslim guerrillas and security forces. *(Reuter)*

Nobel ban

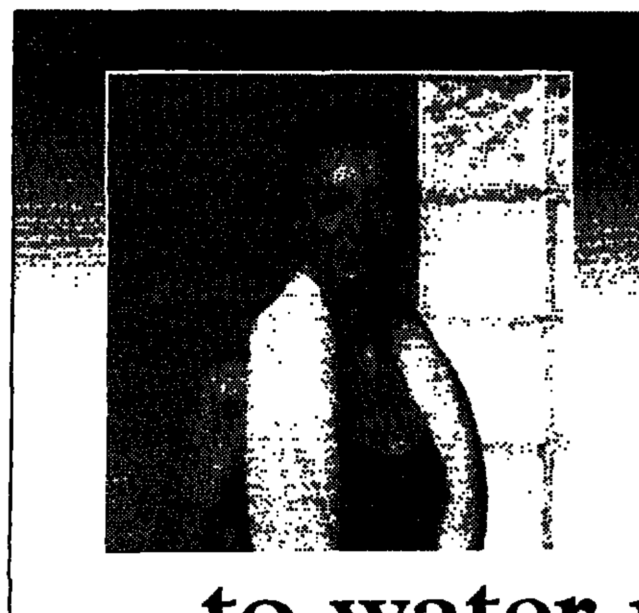
Manila: José Ramos Horta, the East Timor Nobel Prize winner, will be barred from the Philippines during next month's summit of Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation leaders, a Manila official said.

Landsbergis win

Vilnius: Vytautas Landsbergis, the Lithuanian independence leader rejected in 1992, has made a comeback. His Homeland Union claimed 26 per cent, with a third of Sunday's votes counted. *(Reuter)*

Fugitive shot

Athens: Pavlos Keremidis, 37, one of Greece's most wanted criminals, died in a hail of gunfire when he tried to throw a grenade at police who cornered him in a hospital emergency room here. *(AP)*



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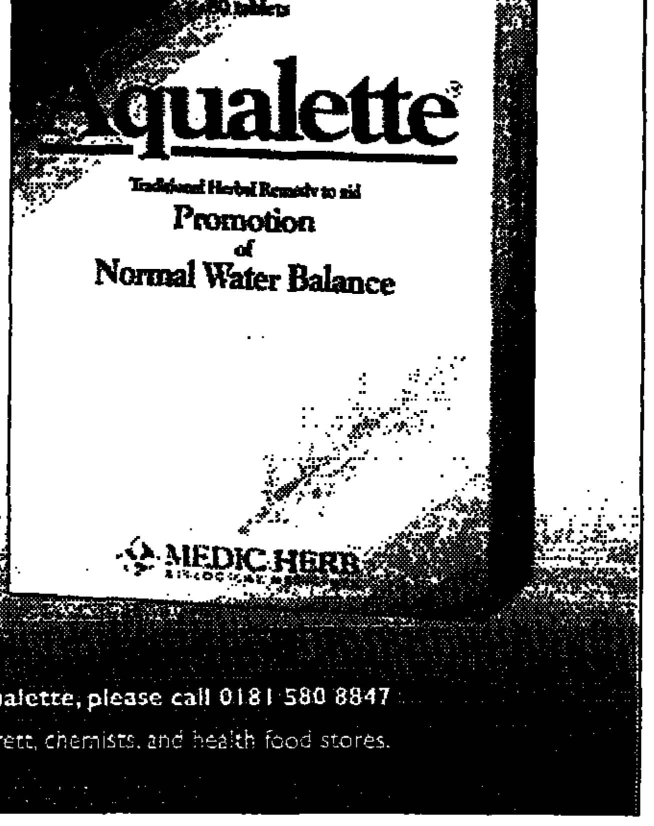

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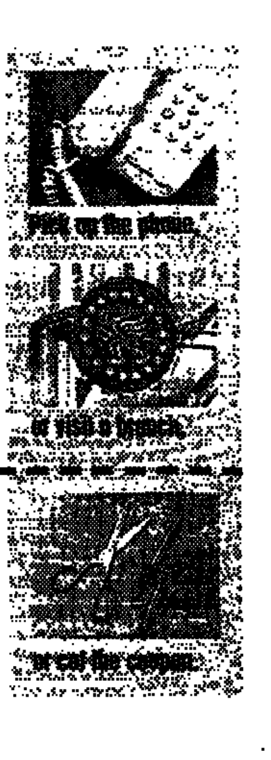

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War fears grow as Rwandan troops attack Hutu camps

FROM SAM KILEY IN KIGALI

HUNDREDS of thousands of Hutu refugees yesterday fled their camps in Zaire after attacks by Rwanda's army and Zairean Tutsi warriors.

The Tutsi-dominated Rwandan Army and their tribal allies in Zaire also fought with Zairean soldiers in battles that threaten to plunge the region into full-scale war.

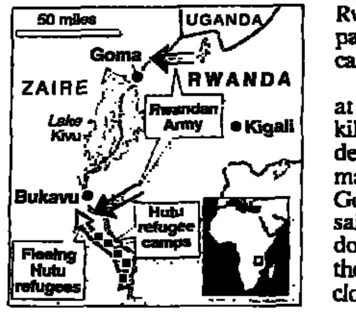
Western diplomatic and intelligence sources confirmed yesterday that Rwandan troops had crossed into Zaire north of Goma and south of Bukavu at the weekend and attacked Rwandan Hutus who have lived in eastern Zaire since 1994.

At least 220,000 Hutus from camps on the Rusizi River plain near Uvira have formed a vast flood of human misery and yesterday afternoon were marching towards the Zairean lakeside town of Bukavu.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees was desperately trying to move 46 aid workers from their Uvira homes. The foreign staff had been trapped for several days by fighting between the Hutus — backed by the Zairean Army — and Tutsis. On Sunday refugees were forced on to the Uvira airstrip by their own leaders to prevent an evacuation flight from landing. Yesterday diplomats hoped to arrange for the aid workers to drive the short distance from Uvira to the Burundi border.

The explosion of fighting and confusing tribal alliances has its roots in the 1994 genocide of a million Tutsis and Hutu moderates in Rwanda. In July 1994 more than a million Hutus fled advancing Tutsi rebels, who stopped the mass slaughter, and have since been living in Zaire, Tanzania and Burundi. From camps funded with foreign aid they have continued to raid Rwanda, killing Tutsis.

Zaire's administration in Kivu province recently formed an alliance with the Hutu extremists and vowed to drive out of the country 400,000 Zairean Tutsis who have lived there for 200 years. With the apparent backing of Rwanda, the Tutsis fought back at the weekend, sparking the mass Hutu exodus.



Yesterday officials from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees were bracing themselves for an influx back into Rwanda. "If the camps around Goma [North of Lake Kivu] go the same way as those in Uvira, then we're going to have a nightmare on our hands," said one senior UNHCR official.

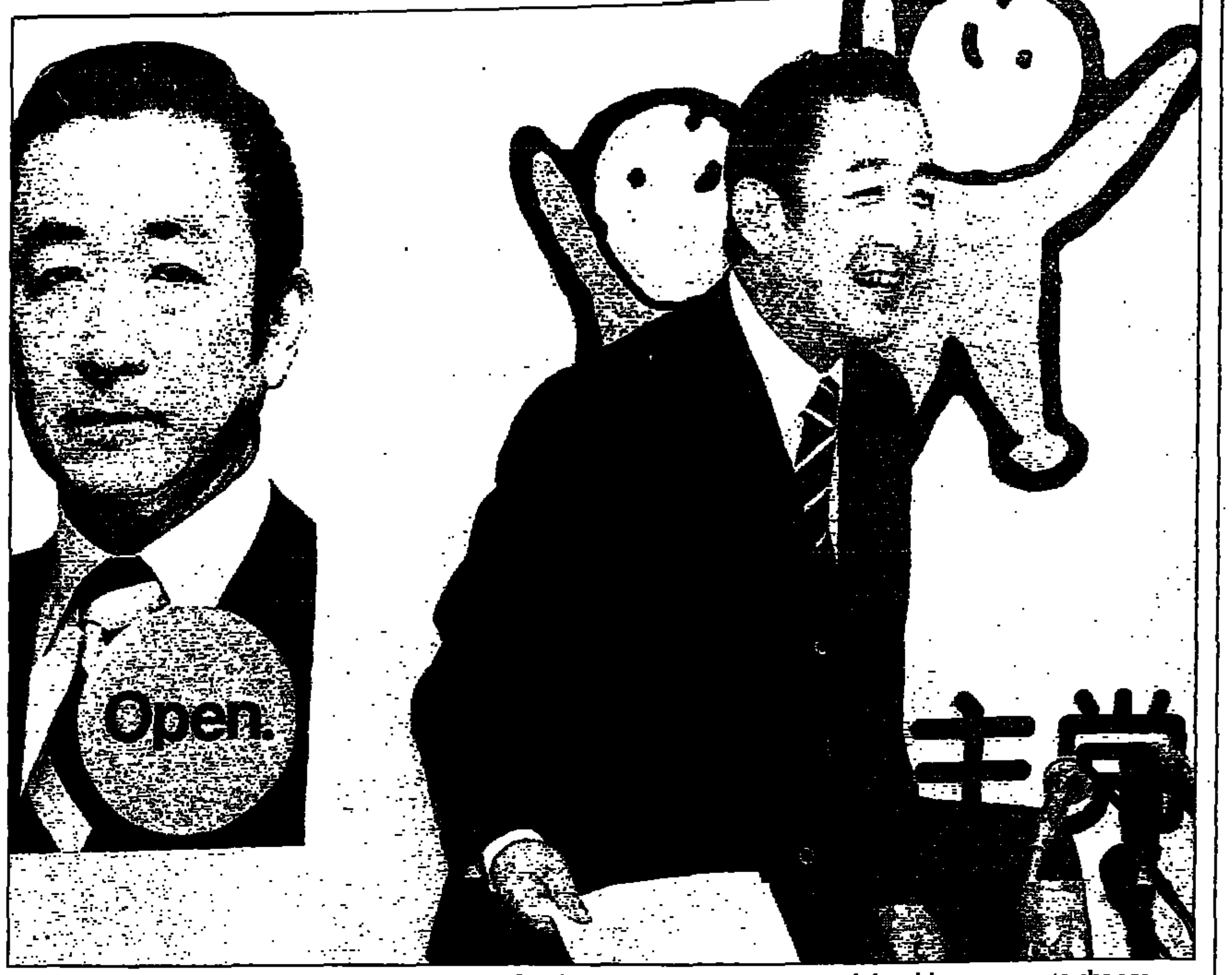
Meanwhile, Western ambassadors in Kigali, Rwanda's capital, were anxious to persuade the Government to pull its commandos out of the area to prevent an escalation into war with Zaire.

However, Rwanda's military spokesman denied any Rwandan soldiers had taken part in attacks on Hutu camps or the Zairean Army.

However, aid sources said at least 60 Hutus had been killed and several vehicles destroyed by Rwandan commandos in camps close to Goma. Intelligence sources said 1,700 Rwandan commandos were standing by to help their tribal allies in Zaire, close to Bukavu.

Japanese coalition prospects brighten

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO



Ryutaro Hashimoto arrives yesterday at LDP headquarters where a poster proclaims his openness to change

BUOYED by Sunday's election result, Ryutaro Hashimoto yesterday invited two minority partners in the outgoing coalition to join his dominant Liberal Democrats in forming a new Government, as potential defectors from the opposition were poised to join the winning side.

Horse-trading began in earnest just hours after the Prime Minister's Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) emerged as the biggest winner, boosting its strength from 211 to 239 seats but falling short of a majority in the 500-seat lower house.

Mr Hashimoto met the leaders of the Social Democratic Party (SDP) and the Sakigake Party to ask them to stay in the two-year-old coalition, declaring that voters had "shown support" for this arrangement.

However, Takako Doi, leader of the SDP (long known as the Socialist Party of Japan) had earlier said her party would not renew its alliance with the conservatives. The partnership had destroyed its credibility, with Social Democrats winning only 15 seats against 30 in the last parliament. The Sakigake, an LDP splinter group, did even worse, reduced from nine to two seats.

While Mr Hashimoto told journalists he would not rule out drawing on the support of other groups, it emerged that his aides had discreetly sounded out ten potential defectors from the main opposition Shinshinto Party. Later one of the Prime Minister's colleagues predicted that more than a dozen members of Shinshinto would return to their old home in the LDP.

The Shinshinto, an uneasy mix including LDP renegades like its leader, Ichiro Ozawa, and politicians linked to the lay Buddhist cult Soka Gakkai, fared poorly, falling from 160 to 156 seats. Pressure on Mr Ozawa to step down may intensify, all the more likely if Mr Hashimoto — Mr Ozawa's arch-rival — wins over disgruntled members as partners in his Government. Analysts say it is only a matter of time before the fragmentation of Shinshinto.

Mr Hashimoto, 59, may also lure the Democratic Party, formed a month ago, into an alliance if the terms are right. At a press conference Mr Hashimoto said he would honour his campaign pledge of whittling down Japan's bloated bureaucracy.

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Mafia 'Beast' on trial for murder

FROM FRANCESCO BONGARRA IN CALTANISSETTA AND RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

A FORMER Mafia "boss of bosses", once nicknamed "The Beast" for his record of sadistic cruelty, went on trial in Sicily yesterday for the murder of Paolo Borsellino, the anti-Mafia judge blown up with five bodyguards in July 1992.

Salvatore "Toto" Riina, who has been in custody since January 1993, was charged with 17 other *mafiosi*. He sat alone in one of the cages used for Mafia trials in the purpose-built, high-security Caltanissetta courtoom, wearing a dark grey suit.

Riina, who has already received nine life sentences, spoke briefly to his defence lawyer but made no attempt to communicate with the other defendants in nearby cages. The opening of the trial was attended by relatives of the policemen killed with Judge Borsellino who, at the time of his death in 1992, had just taken over as chief anti-Mafia prosecutor from Judge Giovanni Falcone, also murdered by the Mafia.

The two killings deeply shocked the nation, and Riina, betrayed by his own driver, was caught in a massive crackdown. Italians discovered that the legendary *capo dei capi*, who had evaded capture for 20 years, was a squat man in his sixties with the build and hands of a peasant from the Corleone hills.

Five of the accused *mafiosi* were charged in absentia, incuding Pietro Aglieri, still on the run, who is suspected of pressing the remote control button to detonate the car bomb.

The trial comes after disclosures by a Mafia *pentito* or "supergrass", Vincenzo Scarantino, who admitted placing explosives in Judge Borsellino's car. He named Riina as the mastermind.

It coincides with growing doubts over the value of evidence from the 1,200 Italian Mafia *pentiti*, including Giovanni Brusca, Riina's successor as *capo dei capi*. Brusca — like Riina from the Corleone clan — was arrested in May after six years on the run. During the summer, with the power of the Mafia crumbling, it emerged that he had turned state witness.

Yesterday magistrates said Brusca's evidence was "dubious". He had accused Mafia members of crimes they could not have committed and, in some cases, his evidence had contradicted testimony of his younger brother, Enzo.

Giulio Andreotti, the former Prime Minister whose trial for alleged Mafia links is largely based on *pentiti* evidence, said the growing doubt cast on Brusca's reliability showed he and other "supergrasses" could not be trusted.

Meiring: happy to help the truth commission

Police insist de Klerk knew of apartheid-era atrocities

FROM INIGO GILMORE
IN JOHANNESBURG

FIVE former South African security policemen suggested yesterday that F.W. de Klerk, the former President, had lied when he claimed recently that apartheid atrocities had never been authorised by his Government.

In an opening statement to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, read by their lawyer, the five said they "seriously doubted" the National Party leader's claims before the commission that he had been unaware of government-authorised murder, torture and assaults. They went on to call on the previous Government to admit authorising unlawful actions.

In a statement coloured by Afrikaans poetry and quotes from speeches, the policemen denied they were criminals and said the killing of more than 40 people was to defend the Nationalist Government.

The case is regarded as the most significant so far heard by the commission, set up to investigate abuses under apartheid, offer reparations to victims and grant amnesty to perpetrators.

The men, who include a brigadier and colonel, have admitted involvement in a number of "dirty tricks" operations which they claim were carried out on behalf of the white minority regime in defence of apartheid. To win amnesty they must show their crimes were associated with political objectives.

In a separate development, a submission by the apartheid South African Defence Force was criticised as one-sided for failing to mention any unlawful acts that it had committed. George Meiring, who heads the post-apartheid National Defence Force, promised full co-operation with the commission.

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Deutsche Telekom float could reap £400m for Britons

By Oliver August

BRITISH investors are set to make a profit of up to £400 million from the flotation of Deutsche Telekom, the German phone group. A price range of 25 to 30 marks was announced yesterday in Europe's biggest-ever public offering.

Deutsche options on Germany's grey market started trading at 35 to 40 marks. The UK will be offered up to 12 per cent of the shares, which represents a £1 billion stake.

The exact offering price of the shares will be set on November 17, with trading due to begin the next day. Roadshows to brief investors will start today. The offering is expected to be strongly oversubscribed, with small shareholders receiving a half-mark discount on the first 300 shares. Some 3.5 million Germans have already applied for their share quota.

Ron Sommer, the Deutsche chief executive, said: "The signals are clear. Institutional investors as well as retail investors are showing a strong willingness to buy. We are firmly convinced that this price range very closely corresponds to the market's expectations."

He declined to say if the greenshoe option, the issuing of an extra 75 million shares on top of the regular 500 million shares, will be exercised immediately. But analysts have said there is little doubt that the option will be used on the first day to satisfy demand.

Analysts have also moved their price predictions upwards following the strong interest on the grey market, with the final share price now expected to be at the top end of the bookbuilding range.

"The final share price is likely to lie more towards the top end of the range than the lower," said an analyst at the Co-operative Bank. "I've heard from institutional investors that they are prepared to pay around 27 to 29 marks."

The activity on the grey market suggests that the share price will rise sharply on the first day. In such a scenario, many small shareholders are expected to throw their shares on to the market to lock in profits. The grey market refers to the market provided by brokers prior to a formal offering which is not subject to official controls. Shares are sold in advance of the offering and the contracts are honoured when the offering actually takes place.

Udo Baader, the Munich brokerage, said the options were trading between 37 and 39 marks, while Ballmaier & Schulz, a Frankfurt firm, quoted prices of between 38 and 38.5 marks. Dealers said there was strong interest in the grey market in Deutsche shares.

Around two thirds of the issue will be placed in Germany and 13 to 18 per cent has been earmarked for the Americas. Between 8 and 12 per cent will go to Britain. The rest of Europe will receive between 5 and 8 per cent.

Joachim Kroeske, Deutsche's finance director, said: "With the allocation of one third of the tranche abroad we will underline the internationality of our flotation."

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Clarke and CBI unite to revive PFI

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

THE Chancellor of the Exchequer yesterday struck a deal with the Confederation of British Industry to invigorate the much criticised private finance initiative.

The initiative, which brings commercial cash into public infrastructure projects, is to have less red tape, more flexibility of investment and occasional reimbursement of bidding costs for companies tendering for big schemes. The joint endeavour by the Treasury and the CBI on the initiative, which now covers deals worth £7 billion, is a response to a stream of concerns from industry over delays and complex processes dogging projects.

Kenneth Clarke told a conference on the PFI, which followed a critical report in the summer from the CBI: "The battle over the principles of PFI has been won, we are now tackling the practicalities." He said the new measures to smooth PFI execution, such as more standardised contracts as opposed to a deal-by-deal approach from government officials, were a response to attacks on the scheme. "We have listened. We have learned. We are taking action."

He told business leaders, public authority bosses and politicians: "The private finance initiative is a partnership between the public and private sectors. The public sector gets better-value services, the private sector gets new business opportunities. We are forging an alliance for progress between the Treasury and the CBI in the true spirit of that partnership."

Mr Clarke said the £7 billion worth of PFI deals now agreed was a testament to the success of the programme when at the same point last year the value of business stood at £1.5 billion.

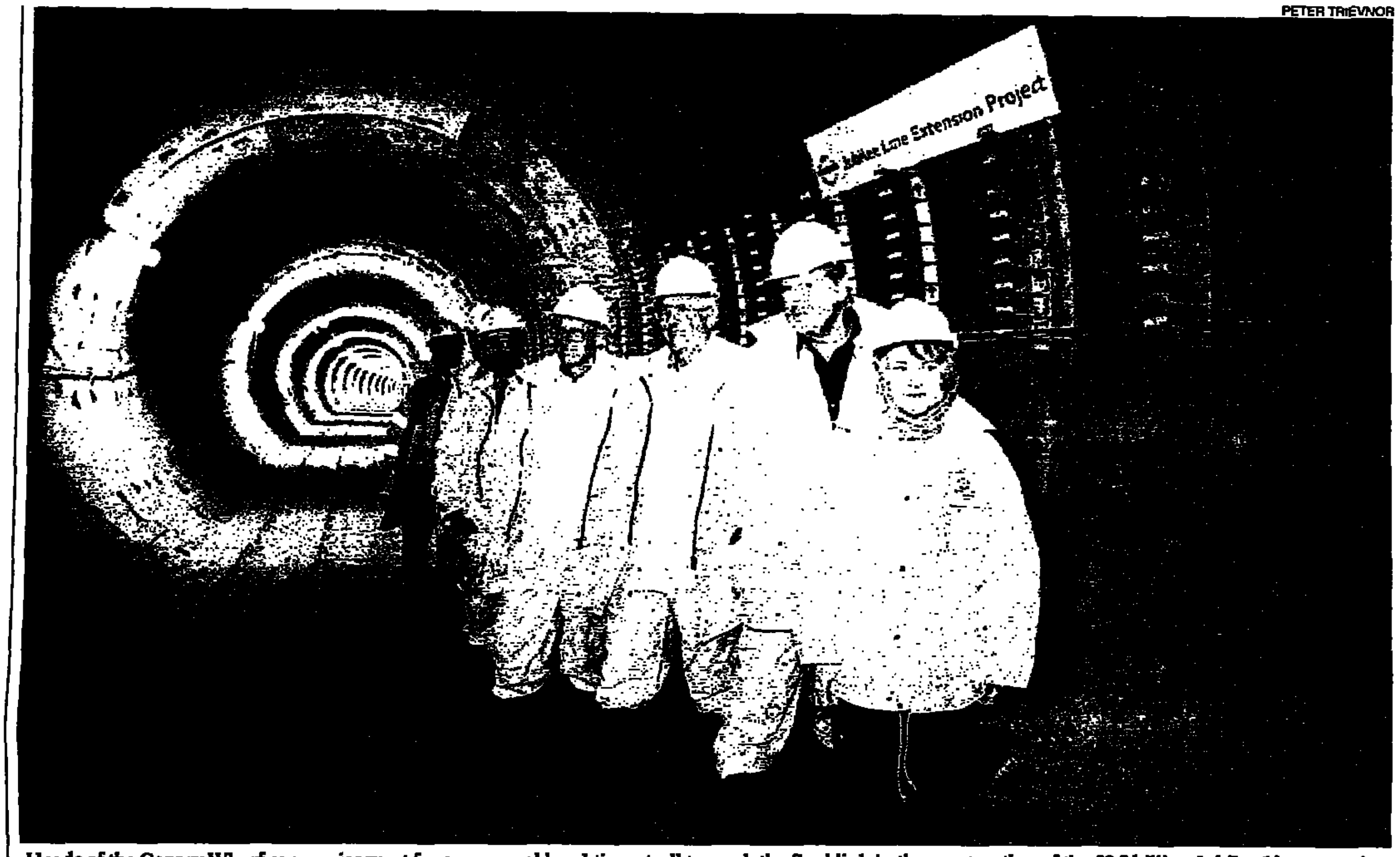
Adair Turner, Director-General of the CBI, said: "The Government's increasingly pragmatic approach is making headway. We look forward to working closely with the Government to solve the teething problems. Public-private sector teamwork is the key to fine-tuning the PFI and managing it better." But Mr Turner said the PFI, which was launched in 1992, was at a critical stage. While there had been some early successes, the programme needed perseverance in order to work and "realism about what PFI can and cannot achieve".

Delays have occurred in a series of public projects for which most of the large construction companies have bid, with particular problems in hospital and road building. But while construction and engineering companies have been the harshest critics of the operation of PFI, there have been recent signs of more optimism. In the last round of construction companies' results several said they were far more hopeful of PFI success.

Labour, while supporting the principles of PFI, said that public spending could spiral out of control if tighter controls were not exercised. Alistair Darling, Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said: "The Treasury evidence to the Select Committee was that "there are no mechanisms in place to monitor forward commitments in a systematised way. The Government must put in place such controls immediately."

☐ The new credit card system for benefits was launched yesterday after a system installed and operated by ICL Pathway under the PFI became operational. South Buckinghamshire NHS Trust and United Healthcare, which is made up of Taylor Woodrow and Healthcare Group, also agreed commercial terms for a PFI hospital scheme at High Wycombe and Amersham.

PETER TRIEVNOR



Heads of the Canary Wharf companies went for an unusual lunchtime stroll to mark the final link in the construction of the £2.5 billion Jubilee Line extension tunnel. Michael Pickard, chairman of the London Docklands Development Corp, second from right, escorted them under the Thames from Canada Water to Canary Wharf. With Mr Pickard are, from the back, Michael Smith, David Alexander, David Vaughan, Sir Peter Middleton, Sir David Walker and Colette Bowe

Pearson shares leap ahead despite BSkyB bid denial

By Paul Durman

SHARES in Pearson leapt by 33½p yesterday as the stock market had its first chance to react to reports that BSkyB was planning a takeover of the media conglomerate.

Pearson shares ended the day 5 per cent higher, at 730p, with more than 6.7 million shares changing hands. Pearson's interests include *The Financial Times*, Penguin Books and Thames Television.

Sam Chisholm, chief executive of BSkyB, has said that neither the satellite broadcaster nor News Corporation, its major shareholder and the parent company of *The Times*, was in talks about making a bid for Pearson. This seemed to leave open the possibility of BSkyB buying Pearson television's interests, but even this seemed unlikely last night.

One source close to BSkyB said the reports of its interest in Pearson were "somewhere beyond ludicrous". BSkyB had shown "not one shred of interest" in investing outside satellite broadcasting.

Other commentators also believe that it would not make sense to bid for Pearson now, since the company only announced its new chairman and chief executive last week. Many in the City believe Dennis Stevenson and Marjorie Scardino, the first woman to head a UK top 100 company, should be given a chance to get to grips with their new responsibilities.

One analyst advanced the opposite view: "If someone is thinking seriously about a bid, now is the time to do it. The new management hasn't arrived yet and so it would be harder to mount a defence."

However, analysts believe Pearson looks expensive at the current share price. A takeover would cost more than £4 billion. "It is touching the stratosphere at these levels," said Anthony de Larrinaga, analyst at Panmure Gordon.

FT-SE 100 soars after Wall St cheer

By Michael Clark, stock market correspondent

SHARE prices in London enjoyed their third consecutive day of gains to close at another record. The FT-SE 100 index of leading shares finished just a whisker shy of its best-ever level to end the day 20.0 points up at of 4,073.1, marking a 10.4 per cent rise on the year.

Yesterday's advance was fuelled by Wall Street, where the Dow Jones industrial average was celebrating Friday night's fresh record-breaking performance. The Dow recovered an early 14-point fall yesterday, supported by better than expected trading news from IBM, the world's biggest computer manufacturer, to climb through the 6,100 level.

Despite the euphoria, an increasing number of institutional investors and brokers are recommending a switch from equities into cash. Many of them are convinced that a correction is long overdue. Some are even predicting a crash, no doubt inspired by the ninth anniversary of the 1987 crash on Friday.

But some economists are more sanguine. Richard Jeffrey, economist at Charterhouse Tilney, concedes that inflationary pressures are growing and that the equity market looks "giddy" each time it climbs above 4,000.

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Racing Green founder sells to Burton for £19m

By Sarah Cunningham

DAVID KRANTZ made his second fortune yesterday, pocketing about £15 million from the sale to Burton of the Racing Green home shopping business he founded five years ago.

Mr Krantz, 43, also founded Blazer, the men's clothing chain that was sold in 1987 to Storehouse, then run by Sir Terence Conran. Storehouse paid £5.4 million, most of which went to Mr Krantz. As owner of about 80 per cent of Hemingway Limited, the company which trades as Racing Green, Mr Krantz can expect to collect more than £15 million of the £19 million paid by Burton yesterday.

The clothing group paid £15 million cash plus 2.7 million new Burton shares. An extra payment of £1 million is possible depending on performance in the year to December.

Mr Krantz will stay full-time for three months with Racing Green, which specialises in selling casual wear. He will then act as a consultant. Burton said Racing Green will complement the Innovations mail order business, bought in July this year for £45 million. Both companies will be managed within a new home shopping division.

Mr Krantz said he had decided to sell Racing Green because: "My skills are in growing a business. At a certain size, it becomes a repetitive cycle of jobs to do." Blazer, his earlier company, is now owned by Moss Bros. Burton said it intends to introduce home shopping of the main Burton Group brands — which are Burtons Menswear, Debenhams, Dorothy Perkins, Principles, Evans, Top Shop and Top Man — over the next two years.

Racing Green has five shops, the largest in Regent Street, and high street retailing accounts for around one third of its £18 million annual sales. Andrew Higginson, finance director of Burton, said the group wants to develop Racing Green as a high street brand. "Its sales are only about 1 per cent of the Burton Group's, but the reputation is bigger than that," Mr Higginson said.

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Yen	179.31	(179.11)
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White's £2.6m to provoke contest

By Jon Ashworth

LORD WHITE of Hull, who died in August 1995, left an estate in England valued at £2.6 million — without making a will, according to newly disclosed documents. The discovery of the windfall sum is set to spark a fierce contest between beneficiaries, including Victoria, his widow, Lucas, his son, and at least one of his former wives.

Lucas White inherited the bulk of an estimated £100 million fortune after the death of his father. Lord White cut a swath through boardrooms on both sides of the Atlantic in a 30-year double act with Lord Hanson, at Hanson Industries. Victoria, his third wife, inherited an estimated £16.5 million, but nothing was previously known about the £2.6 million, the existence of which is confirmed in documents at Somerset House in London.

Experts said it was unusual that such a sum should be left intestate. David Biddle, a partner in Biddle & Co, the City law firm, said distribution of the money would most likely depend on the law in Bermuda, where Lord White was domiciled. Under English law, when someone dies intestate, it is normally those closest to the deceased who have the strongest claim.

Administration of the £2.6 million has been granted to Richard Pearman of Conyers Dill & Pearman, the law firm in Hamilton, Bermuda. The firm declined to comment. Administration has also been granted to Anthony Newbold, based in Malaga, Spain.

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SkyePharma agrees deal on new drug

BY PAUL DURMAN

SKYEPHARMA, the fledgeling drugs company headed by Ian Gowrie Smith, has agreed a deal that will secure rights to its most important product to date.

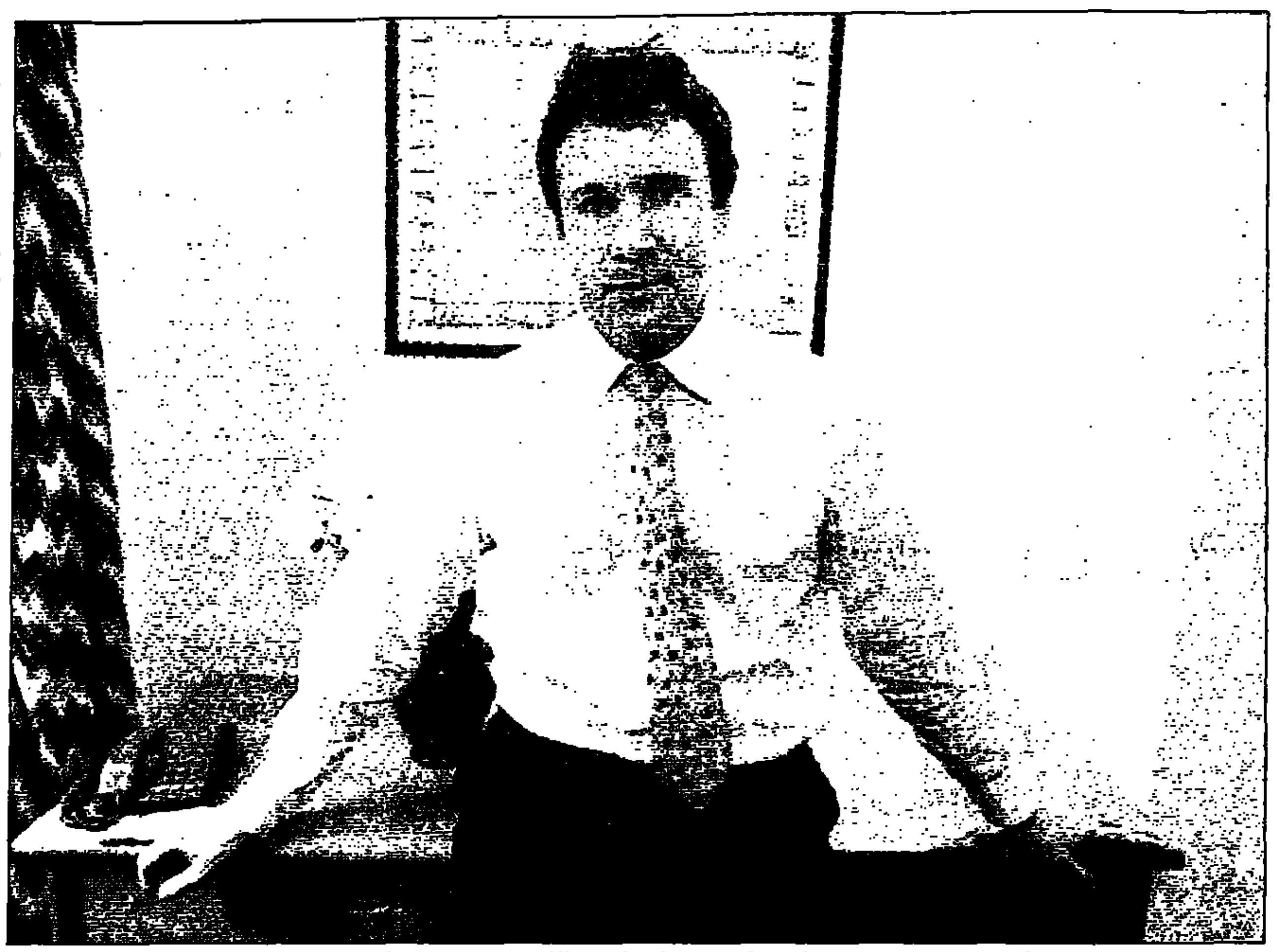
The deal, with two US drug companies, could produce substantial profits for SkyePharma from 1999 onwards. The British company will receive 41 per cent of the income from sales of a new treatment for angina and hypertension.

The new drug is a "bioequivalent" version of Procardia XL, an off-patent Pfizer drug with sales approaching $2 billion a year.

SkyePharma has signed a letter of intent to take over rights to the drug previously held by Gensia, a Californian company. Gensia, previously a high-flier, is trying to conserve its cash resources after the failure in late-stage trials of a cardiovascular drug.

SkyePharma expects to spend about $10 million completing the development of the drug in collaboration with Boehringer Manheim, a Maryland drugs company and Gensia's former partner. SkyePharma will pay Gensia a 10 per cent royalty on sales that it is hoped will run into hundreds of millions of dollars.

SkyePharma and Boehringer Manheim intend to apply to register the drug with the US Food and Drug Administration next year. The US authorities are keen to encourage the switch to cheaper generic drugs. Shares in SkyePharma rose 6p to 83p.



Ian Gowrie Smith hopes that the treatment will yield substantial profits for SkyePharma from 1999 onwards

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Austria Sch	18.24	16.74
Belgium Fr	53.46	49.16
Canada $	2.251	2.091
Cyprus Cyp£	0.7771	0.7221
Denmark Kr	9.95	9.15
Finland Mkk	7.90	7.25
France Fr	8.67	8.02
Germany Dm	2.604	2.394
Greece Dr	398	373
Hong Kong $	12.93	11.93
Iceland	115	95
Ireland Pt	1.043	0.963
Israel Shk	5.60	4.95
Italy Lira	2550	2395
Japan Yen	193.50	177.50
Malta	0.618	0.563
Netherlds Gld	2.900	2.670
New Zealand $	2.39	2.17
Norway Kr	10.92	10.12
Portugal Esc	258.00	239.50
S Africa Rd	7.83	7.03
Spain Pta	212.50	199.50
Sweden Kr	11.20	10.40
Switzerland Fr	2.150	1.970
Turkey Lira	153950	145950
USA $	1.688	1.558

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Economy ripe for tax rise, says forecaster

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

STRENGTHENING consumer spending and a public deficit that is yet again overshooting forecasts by the Government mean that taxes ought to be raised rather than lowered, according to Oxford Economic Forecasting.

Oxford is predicting that consumer spending will rise by 3 per cent this year and by 3.75 per cent in 1997, fuelled by tax cuts, low interest rates, rising household wealth and windfalls from building society mergers. And consumer spending will largely be responsible for overall growth of 2.4 per cent this year, accelerating to 3.3 per cent in 1997.

This, says Oxford Economic Forecasting, makes it very difficult to justify tax cuts in next month's Budget although it believes that the Chancellor will nevertheless offer modest reductions of between £2 billion and £3 billion, matched by spending cuts.

The Chancellor should instead be tightening fiscal policy in order to allow interest rates to remain low and so encourage investment. The economy is overly dependent on the consumer, Oxford Economic Forecasting adds.

Although investment appears to have risen at an annualised rate of 6.6 per cent in the first half of this year, the forecaster says that this figure needs to be interpreted cautiously. It notes that virtually all of the rise in investment recorded in the second quarter was due to one-off purchases of aircraft and that manufacturing investment fell by 4.7 per cent in the second quarter after a 4.2 per cent drop in the first.

Despite optimism on consumer spending, it emphasises that a replay of the 1980s boom is unlikely. It notes that the "feel-good" factor is still being undermined by job insecurity and that the ratio of debt to income is still close to its peak.

The latest European Commission Confidence Survey compiled by GfK shows, if anything, a slight weakening of consumer confidence in October from September. Its confidence index slid back to minus two, from minus one. However, this is still strongly up on a year ago when the index stood at minus eight.

David Walker, Associate Director of GfK, said that a more detailed breakdown shows that the greatest rise in confidence has been in the South with the reading moving from minus six a year ago to plus one in October.

In terms of age groups, the biggest improvement came in the 50 to 64 category, with a reading of minus 12 improving to minus four. Of the four income categories that GfK analysed, the biggest improvement in confidence came in those households with annual income of between £7,000 and £14,499. The index in this category rose from minus 11 a year ago to minus one in October.

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Prince set to pay £350m for Princess hotels

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

PRINCE al-Waleed bin Talal, the Saudi Arabian investor, is poised to buy the luxury Princess hotel chain from Lonrho for about £350 million.

"I will be the sole owner of the Princess hotels," the prince told *Al-Hayat*, a Saudi newspaper. He said he had been given the "sole negotiating right" to bid for the hotels. Other potential buyers appear to have dropped out as Dieter Bock, chief executive of Lonhro, travelled to Riyad last week to push ahead with the negotiations, which are expected to be completed in the next ten days.

Prince Waleed is already a substantial investor in hotels. There are eight Princess hotels around the Caribbean, in Bermuda, Barbados and the Bahamas, as well as in Mexico, and Palm Springs and Scottsdale in the US.

The prince said he would sell the casinos operated by the Princess hotels and get his 50 per cent-owned Fairmont Hotel Management company to manage the chain.

Mr Bock originally proposed to float the Princess hotels and the UK-based Metropole chain on the London Stock Exchange earlier this year. However, the issue was abandoned in August when individual buyers emerged who were likely to offer more than the share offering would have raised.

Stakis, the UK casino and hotel operator, is interested in the five Metropole hotels, thought to be worth around £300 million.

The hotel sales would be a major step in Mr Bock's campaign to restructure Lonhro. The attractiveness of the hotels to potential buyers was helped by a a 71 per cent rise in operating profits to $66.7 million last year.

The Princess hotels will add to Prince Waleed's increasingly diverse portfolio of international investments, which include a stake in Canary Wharf and in Citicorp, the US banking group, as well as EuroDisney and Saks Fifth Avenue, the upmarket New York clothes store.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Japanese shares hit by election result

JAPANESE shares slid sharply, while government bonds surged to a record high yesterday after Sunday's general election, which left the pro-business Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) without a clear majority. The Nikkei 225 average fell 309.35 points, or 1.43 per cent, to close at 21,302.95 in subdued trading. The dollar rose briefly to a high of 112.89 yen, its strongest since January 1994, before easing slightly. In the bond market, the key December Japanese government bond (JGB) futures contract responded to the poor showing of the Shinshinto, or New Frontier Party, by surging to 123.70 yen, an all-time high for any benchmark, before ending with hefty gains.

Market operators are concerned that yet another unwieldy coalition government could lead to friction over policies and impede Japan's already sluggish economic recovery. Foreign exchange dealers agreed that the make-up of the coalition was likely to make the most difference in the long run.

Oil companies ahead

THREE American oil companies enjoyed a jump in third-quarter earnings, helped by strong production and higher oil and natural gas prices that more than offset weakness in refining operations. Texaco said net earnings jumped 50 per cent, Chevron Corp reported a 29 per cent increase excluding special items and Exxon Corp, the largest US oil company, said profits rose 4 per cent. The results were in line with or slightly better than expectations on Wall Street. But Mobil said net earnings fell to $769 million from $786 million, hurt by weak refining and marketing results.

Nabisco advances 17%

RJR Nabisco, the tobacco and food company, reported a 17 per cent rise in third-quarter profits and forecast continued strong results. The company earned $216 million in the three months to September 30, compared with $185 million in the third quarter of the previous year, when its results were reduced by hefty payments for early retirement of debt and preferred dividends. Revenues rose 7 per cent to $4.3 billion, from $4.1 billion. Worldwide tobacco sales rose 5 per cent to $2.11 billion, while cigarette volume gained 4 per cent.

Aberdeen fights back

ABERDEEN Steak Houses, the restaurants chain severely affected by the BSE scare, said yesterday that there had been a steady recovery in demand for beef products. The company incurred losses of £722,000 before tax in the half-year June 30, against profits of £242,000 previously, but said it expected to earn a profit for the year as a whole. Second-half results will be assisted by a contribution from two new restaurants near Victoria station, central London. Refurbishment of a third London branch at Regent Street will be completed for Christmas. The loss per share was 4.6p (0.6p earnings)

Goodyear increases

GOODYEAR, the US tyre and rubber producer, announced third-quarter net income of $170.2 million, an increase of 8.1 per cent from $157.5 million in the third quarter of the previous year. However, sales fell to $3.27 billion from $3.31 billion. The company said that revenues were affected by lower sales of original equipment tyres in North America, competitive pricing pressures and a strengthening of the dollar. For the nine months, net income increased 9.7 per cent to $509.9 million from $464.6 million.

Optimism on US jobs

NEARLY half the large and mid-sized companies in the United States plan to create jobs over the next 12 months, the American Management Association reported yesterday. The AMA said that a survey of 1,441 companies showed that in the 12 months to June, 68 per cent added new jobs to their payrolls, compared with 58 per cent in the previous period, suggesting the average workforce grew 6 per cent, up from 4.5 per cent. Over the next year, 46 per cent of the companies surveyed intend to add jobs.

Moulinex confirms cuts

MOULINEX, the French electrical appliance company, yesterday confirmed it planned to cut jobs by 22 per cent but would try to avoid layoffs by introducing flexible schedules and reorganising manufacturing activities. After a stormy meeting with staff representatives, Moulinex confirmed the broad outlines of a plan announced in June for 2,600 job cuts, including 2,100 in France, and the closure of two French plants. In June, the company reported a loss for 1995/96 of Fr702 million, its fourth consecutive annual loss.

US fibre network plan

FRONTIER CORPORATION, the American telecommunications company, plans to build a $2 billion fibre-optic network across the United States in partnership with the private Qwest Communications. Frontier is to invest almost $500 million in the project. Lucent Technologies will supply the cable for what Frontier says will be the largest single US fibre-optic network built as one project. The network will connect almost 100 cities and provide coast-to-coast connection when it is completed in 1998.

New Euro Disney post

PHILIPPE BOURGUIGNON, chairman since April 1993 of Euro Disney, the theme park and hotels group operator, is to take the new position of executive vice-president for Walt Disney Europe. In his expanded role, M Bourguignon will work with European heads of each of Disney's major operating units to boost Disney's businesses in Europe, Walt Disney Europe said. His primary responsibility will continue to be the Disneyland Paris resort, which posted a profit in 1995 after several years at the brink of bankruptcy.

Angry names claim Lloyd's has reneged

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

LLOYD'S of London was yesterday accused of "reneging" on its final settlement after a number of names claimed to have received new demands for tens of thousands of pounds in payments.

Some who had been sent letters believed they had settled their bills and accused Lloyd's of miscalculating the sums owed. Others said they agreed to waive their legal rights and abide by the settlement as long as they were given a breakdown of how the sum had been reached. They claimed this had not been done.

Christopher Stockwell, chairman of the Lloyd's Names Association Working Party, accused Lloyds of "trying to pressure names".

Mr Stockwell said: "Lloyd's has made a contract with those names. It is disgraceful that it is now trying to renege on it."

Lloyd's denied that it was reneging on contracts. A spokesman said that reminders had been sent to names who owed money. Philip Holden, head of the financial recovery department of Lloyd's, last month said that non-payers would be pursued relentlessly.

Crunch-time delayed in Penguin war on Puffin

A HIGH COURT hearing to decide whether to ban Asda, the supermarket group, from selling its own-brand Puffin biscuits will take place in February (Sarah Cunningham writes).

United Biscuits, which launched Penguins more than 60 years ago, is suing Asda for trademark infringement and "passing off", after the launch five weeks ago of the Puffin biscuit. The court must decide whether the name and wrapper design adopted by Asda is so similar to Penguin's that it should be banned.

At a preliminary hearing yesterday, Mr Justice Chadwick agreed with both sides that there should be an "expedited hearing". In the context of such complex matters, this will mean sometime next February.

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Recovery may not stop BA from taking flight

USAir prepares to go solo

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

USAIR, the airline that is 25 per cent owned by British Airways, almost doubled its earnings for the third quarter, continuing a recovery that began earlier this year.

Despite the improvement after years of losses, USAir is almost certain to sever its ties with BA if the British airline's proposed alliance with American Airways goes ahead. USAir has already filed a US court action demanding that BA sell its stake in the company and allow USAir to compete independently.

USAir reported a $108 million profit for the quarter, but the final figure was reduced after $41.1 million was set aside to cover profit-sharing obligations. Stephen Wolf, chairman, said the airline industry benefited from good economic conditions, and that USAir's load factor — the percentage of each aircraft filled with passengers — had risen slightly to around 70 per cent.

However, USAir continues to have the highest cost base of any US airline, and its failure to reduce the high wages of its staff is causing shareholders to worry. Warren Buffett, the stock market investor, is trying to sell his 10 per cent stake, which is now worth substantially less than the $358 million he paid for it. But USAir's stronger financial performance means that it is able to pay Mr Buffett and BA $40 million in previously unpaid dividends that were suspended when the company was incurring losses. USAir's ability to pay the back dividend may make it easier for Mr Buffett to find a buyer for his stake in the next few months.

USAir also expects British Airways to sell its stake once it completes its merger with American. The deal depends on US and UK government agreement on an "open skies" policy, which would give the carriers greater access to each other's airports.

A link with American would give BA a stronger US presence than partnership with USAir. "We can't be part of that alliance," said Rick Weintraub, a USAir spokesman. "We don't have the anti-trust immunity to do so, so we must be allowed to compete on our own."

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☐ Deutsche Telekom's easy lesson ☐ Will the Chancellor do his cut-price duty? ☐ Out of Africa with Algy Cluff

Dialling an instant profit

☐ THE Germans may be rather better at making cars or kitchens, but by jingo, we can give them a few lessons in flogging off the family silver. The Deutsche Telekom float is heavily modelled on the huge British privatisations of the past decade, one of the first of which was our own dear BT in 1984.

The parallels with BT are even stronger, because DT is being sold into a similar maelstrom of uncertainty. BT shares have underperformed the market since 1993 because of a harsh regulatory regime designed to allow competitors to take a larger share of the market. Germany may shortly also have to open up its wholesale phone market to competition.

The risk-averse Germans, with bitter memories of the war and before, have never been keen on equities. Smaller investors go for bonds, certain the Bundesbank will safeguard their value by keeping inflation low and the mark high. Real money goes into property. There are several reasons why this should change. Like France, Germany suffers from having a mass of unmodernised middle-ranking companies, the so-called *Mittelstand*, generally family-controlled and preferring to stay that way and shunning equity capital. Modernisation will require outside investors to come in. Second, chronic pensions underfunding will require a higher-risk, higher-return approach to investment for old age in future, which means equities.

The British approach to privatisation is to undervalue the shares from the outset and add a few bells and whistles in the form of huge dividends to persuade in the private punter, who gets priority anyway. This deprives the institutions and makes them chase the shares in the after-market, so ensuring a healthy premium in first trading.

DT's advisers have not so much taken a leaf out of this book, they have borrowed the whole library. The shares, at the top of their indicative price range, offer a gross yield approaching 6 per cent, and there are additional discounts to private investors. The price should rise by as much as 30 per cent on the first day of dealing.

The company will make up 5 per cent of the German share index. "Anyone found by their investors to have missed it will be nailed to the wall," said one Frankfurt fund manager. This is the classic self-fulfilling prophecy, and DT shares are the closest thing yet to a certain profit, an even better bet short term than those earlier British privatisations.

But this will tempt some private investors to sell and bank the cost of next year's holiday early. The price may not hold; it all depends on the legal moves by competitors in Brussels and how well they can be resisted. For investors outside Germany, the value of their investment can only be protected if the German authorities can be persuaded to drag their feet and keep DT in the dark ages. Hardly *vorsprung durch technik*, is it?

Will liquid assets help canny Ken?

☐ IT is hard to imagine any politician could be so cynical as to cut taxes deliberately so close to an election in an attempt to sway the opinions of the electorate, and even harder to believe the electorate would fall for it. But it is being whispered that Kenneth Clarke might be contemplating so monstrous an

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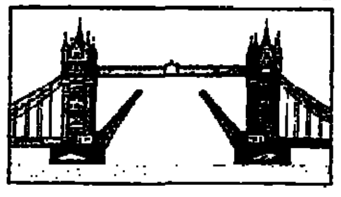

action in next month's Budget. Nothing significant, not income tax cuts, of course — they are already in the bag. A penny off, to 23p in the pound, appears to be the general reckoning, and it could hardly be much less than that, could it? No, the tax cuts being whispered are off the price of liquor, what used to be called the working man's pint and must in these times also take in the odd glass of Chardonnay for his boss. Some in the drinks industry believe Mr Clarke might be tempted to cut a couple of pence off each, in the hope that the resulting tide of public euphoria might be enough to sweep him back to Number 11.

The City doesn't believe this, and a weekend study by UBS, the broker, forecast increases on beer and wine in line with inflation. If Mr Clarke does decide to cut duty, it will have had little to do with the ritual pre-Budget submissions from the drinks lobby. Yesterday was Trafalgar Day, and a scattering of pubs across the country with suitably patriotic names were offering beer at prices available in France, where duty is 26p a pint less. As part of the same last-minute lobbying, the Brewers and Licensed Retailers Association is to see the Chancellor this week. The same arguments will be trotted out about the cost to jobs of the cross-Channel booze cruise and the iniquities of being able to buy lousy French beer for less than good British ale.

No one in the drinks industry seriously believes the Chancellor will see the light and allow duty to fall to Continental levels overnight — the health lobby would never stand for it, for one thing. The industry every year merely hopes to limit the upward rise in duty and a standstill, as in 1995, generally counts as a victory. The decision to cut a penny off a pint, as an example, would take about £100 million off tax revenues. If and when they come to buy your vote, at least you know now what it is worth.

Algy on the joys of Zaire

☐ IF timing is all, then Algy Cluff's timing could not have been worse. Yesterday his Cluff Mining, for reasons that are not entirely clear, arranged a briefing for City fund managers and analysts about the joys of investing in Zaire. A couple of days previously, this huge state in western Africa, rich in terms of mineral wealth and poor even by African standards, had seen the outbreak of civil war.

Visiting the UK and talking to the City was the Prime Minister, Kengo wa Dondo. He is not to be confused with President Mobuto, currently in Switzerland, convenient for him should he ever wish to count those numbered accounts, even if the state of his health is uncertain.

In a recent study on parts of the world where inward investment is endangered by corruption or high credit risk, Zaire failed even to make the list. There is not enough business there. The country is the original kleptocracy, where corruption, embezzlement and theft are the normal methods for the exchange of goods. Outside firms forced to work there tell tales of illegal dealing on the currency markets to ensure their workforce can be paid at all, such is the chaos in the banking system. And don't even try to use the telephones.

Free elections are promised next year, which is when free elections take place in Zaire — always next year. Someone, somehow, is going to find a way of liberating the enormous wealth of countries like Zaire without too much of it sticking to the local *apparatchiks*. But one feels it may not be Algy Cluff.

Wages of fear

☐ PROPOSALS to make "ageism" an offence would seem to miss the point. There is little use in creating yet another segment of aggrieved litigants to clog up industrial tribunals. The usual reason older employees are discriminated against or replaced with their younger equivalents is simple. Having mortgages, children and other encumbrances, they are more likely to demand a living wage.

ADRIAN SHERRATT

Rufus Bond Gunning, left, and Richard Williams, finance director, have pushed the button for a £22 million placing

Provend to make market debut

By Fraser Nelson

PROVEND, one of Britain's largest vending machine companies, is coming to the Stock Exchange in a placing that is expected to value the firm at £22 million.

Rufus Bond Gunning, the managing director, said that the company hopes to raise £10 million from the flotation in order to reduce debt and fuel its acquisition power. He added that Provend had been approached by smaller companies and was already in the process of making a medium-sized acquisition.

Formed from a buyout from Sketchley in 1991, Provend now runs 15,000 vending machines across the country, 7,000 of which are also under further contracts for cleaning and filling. It also runs a range of "automated staff restaurants", where complete meals are purchased through the machines in a staffless canteen that can stay open for 24 hours.

Provend currently owes £4.02 million through bank borrowings and loan stock. The company aims to reduce gearing to 10 per cent after the flotation.

Mr Bond Gunning was recruited by Sketchley to resuscitate its machine vending arm, which lost £6.8 million in 1990. After the buyout, backed by Candover and ECI, Provend returned to the black with a pre-tax profit of £1.21 million in the year to June 30, on sales of £41.3 million.

While his post-flotation shareholding has not been settled, Mr Bond Gunning is expected to become a paper millionaire.

Greycoat attacks 'crazy' sale plan

By Paul Durman

GREYCOAT, the property company under attack from one of its largest shareholders, said yesterday that it was "crazy" to suggest selling off its £500 million portfolio of central London properties.

Funds managed by Brian Myerson's Active Value Advisors are pressing Greycoat to sell its portfolio of investments — effectively winding up the company. Greycoat was forced yesterday to call an extraordinary meeting, which is likely to be held late next month, to allow shareholders to debate this proposal.

Peter Thornton, Greycoat's managing director, said the threat from Active Value was "an unwelcome and costly distraction". He added: "It's crazy to start talking about what will effectively be a fire sale of our properties in a rising market."

Active Value, which controls 10.6 per cent of Greycoat, is unhappy that the property company's shares trade at a discount of more than 20 per cent to their net asset value. Mr Myerson, a Greycoat director until March, is unconvinced by development plans and wants Greycoat to take advantage of the improving property market to unlock value for shareholders.

Mr Thornton said that Mr Myerson, unlike other shareholders, was only interested in short-term performance. "He's not a property guy ... he's making a criticism about something that he does not understand." He also suggested that one reason for the large share price discount was that Active Value was regarded as a keen seller.

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Happy £90m return for Birthdays group

By Fraser Nelson

RON WOOD, a former audit clerk who founded the Birthdays greeting card business, has sold his company to a buy-in team backed by Schroders and Prudential for £90 million.

Mr Wood, who set up Ron Wood Greeting Cards Holdings in 1969, gained £45 million from selling the bulk of his majority stake, and has agreed to re-invest £15 million of the proceeds for a 30 per cent share in the new company.

Bryan Robson, the former Manchester United player, was one of the original shareholders in the company, and is understood to have sold his 2 per cent stake. It would have been worth £1.8 million.

Schroder Ventures and Prudential Venture Managers have invested £15 million each in the buyout, and will share a 55 per cent share in the new company. It will be renamed Birthdays, after the brand name of the cards.

The company, based in Bury, Manchester, owns 330 shops and runs 50 franchise outlets. Over the last 25 years, it has become the market leader in greeting cards, giftwraps and tags. It also houses a wholesale division, which supplies confectioners, tobacconists and newsagents. In the year to end-June 1996, the company's operating profits were £11 million on turnover of £99.3 million.

The buyout team is led by John Lovering, who resigned as chief operating officer of Tarmac last year to pursue a £400 million buyout bid for the company's housebuilding division. The offer, also backed by Schroders and Prudential, was eventually beaten by Wimpey in a straight asset swap. Since then, Mr Lovering, who was also a former finance director of Sears, has been living in The Netherlands and looking to join another management buyout. He was recommended by Schroders for the job, and will now return to Britain to work full time as Birthdays' executive chairman.

Mr Wood will remain as a consultant to the company, but has resigned from the board. The remainder of its management structure will reamin intact, and a commercial director will be recruited.

Mr Lovering said yesterday that he hopes to open up to 150 more outlets in the UK. He believed that Mr Robson, now manager of Middlesbrough, became involved with the company after getting to know Mr Wood in Manchester.

Schroders hopes to float the company on the stock market in less than three years.

BP signs $2.5bn deal in China

BP Chemicals has signed a $2.5 billion joint venture agreement with Shanghai Petrochemical Co to produce ethylene in China.

The agreement represents the largest commitment made by BP in China and will be formed on an equity basis, with BP providing cash and technology and SPC contributing existing chemical plants.

John Browne, chief executive of BP, said yesterday: "This venture will bring enduring benefits to China as well as deepening BP's position as a significant investor in one of the world's most dynamic economies." The project will have capacity to produce 650,000 tonnes of ethylene a year.

SPC is China's largest single petrochemical enterprise and the country's ninth largest industrial concern. It is also China's largest stock available for foreign investment, with a market capitalisation of about $2 billion.

News Corp condemns raid

By Our Business Staff

THE News Corporation yesterday moved to criticise the Israeli income tax authorities after reports at the weekend that the offices of News Datacom Research Ltd, a subsidiary company of News Datacom Ltd, had been raided.

News Corp, the owner of both companies and the parent company of *The Times*, said it had been assured as recently as three weeks ago by the Israeli authorities that News Datacom Research Ltd was not under investigation.

NDRL, a research and development subsidiary, reported its tax in the same manner as hundreds of other research and development subsidiaries of international companies in Israel, said News Corp.

"Given our full co-operation with the authorities, it is hard to understand the reason for the public and extreme action undertaken on October 20, 1996," said the statement. Neither NDRL nor its parent has produced cumulative operating profits prior to its financial year ending on June 30 so there was no question of tax evasion.

News Corp believes the investigation is being driven by an ex-employee and says it has "nothing to hide".

Upton's first profit since 1989

Trenter: back in the black

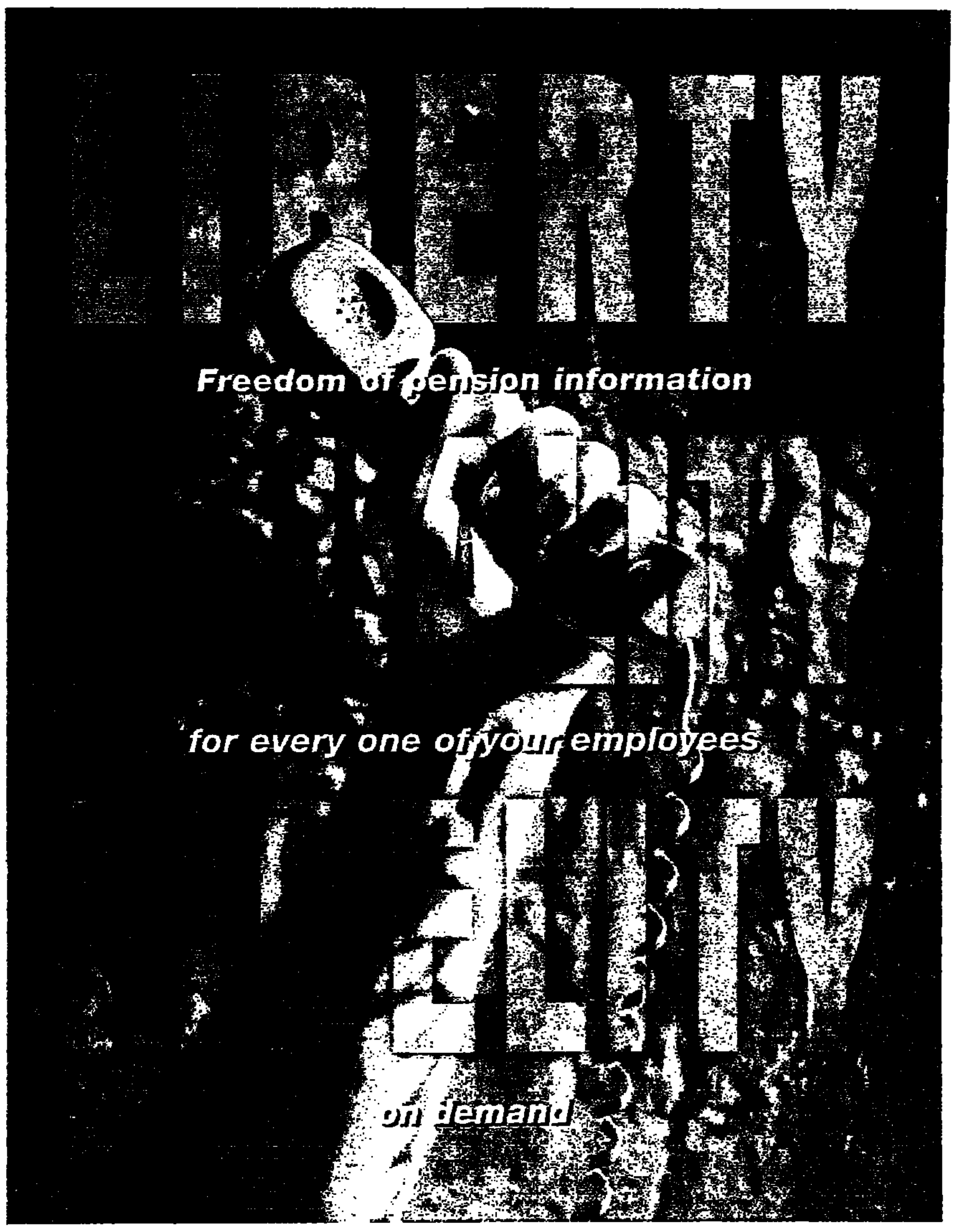
By Sarah Cunningham

UPTON & SOUTHERN, the Teesside department stores group, yesterday reported its first profit since 1989.

The company, which put the Reject Shop into receivership last year, made a pre-tax profit of £307,000 on sales of £8.95 million, in the year to July 27. Last year, it made a loss of £9.59 million on sales of £30.4 million. No dividend is to be paid on the ordinary shares.

Uptons, whose chairman is Ronald Trenter, bought the Reject Shop for £2.3 million in 1994 and put it into receivership 15 months later, after ringfencing its department stores.

The group's E Upton & Sons division, which operates three department stores and three smaller stores in the North East of England, had a like-for-like sales increase of 5.6 per cent during the year. In the first 11 weeks of the current year, like-for-like sales are 13 per cent ahead on the same time last year.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Wall St leads London to another record close

FUELLED by another record-breaking run on Wall Street, share prices on the London stock market rose to their highest levels ever.

The FT-SE 100 index closed just a shade below its best of the day with a rise of 20 points at 4,073.1 as turnover reached 613 million shares.

Brokers said the market's resilience was attributable to events on Wall Street where the Dow Jones recovered an early fall last night to race ahead on the back of trading news from IBM.

The market's continuing strength confounded many of the pessimists who have been predicting a collapse coinciding with Friday's ninth anniversary of the 1987 crash.

Economists like Richard Jeffrey at Charterhouse Tilney concede that the index looks a bit giddy every time it climbs above 4,000 and that inflationary pressures are growing, but he sees no reason for another crash.

Pearson touched 744p on *mounting speculation that it* could soon find itself on the receiving end of a bid from BSkyB, the satellite broadcaster 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of *The Times*. But Sam Chisholm, BSkyB's chief executive, denied the story: "There are no talks taking place between News Corporation, BSkyB or any associated company about a bid for Pearson".

This statement took some of the shine off the Pearson rise, but still the price closed 33½p higher at 730p.

Brokers in the Square Mile are convinced Marjorie Scardino, the new chief executive, will have to act fast and restructure Pearson's vast array of interests if she wants to prevent a break-up bid at some stage. At these levels, Pearson, whose interests range from the *Financial Times*, Penguin Books, Madame Tussauds, Lazards Merchant Bank and Thames Television, carries a price tag of £3.9 billion.

Further activity on the traded options market lifted takeover favourite **Zeneca** 33½p to £17.58½p. Talk that a line of stock is overhanging the market left **BTR** 6½p down at 254½p.

Abbey National fell 5p to 604½p as ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the broker, urged clients to switch into **National Westminster**, 12p better at 721p. Stock shortages squeezed **Legal & General** 9½p higher at 341½p.

Marjorie Scardino and Dennis Stevenson, deputy chairman of Pearson, 33½p higher on bid speculation

Oil companies continued to rise on the back of the strong price of crude on world markets with **BP** up 9p at 687½p and **Shell** 12p to £10.49½. Merrill Lynch, the broker, is bullish about the sector.

The high street retailers were being chased higher. The latest survey from Dun & Bradstreet forecasts a buoyant time for retailers in the run-up to Christmas. NatWest Securities, the broker, has also been urging a switch from industrials into consumer stocks. Among the best gains were **Next**, up 18½p at 585p, **Dixons** 8p to 586½p, **Great Universal Stores** 8p to 634½p, **Marks & Spencer** 5½p to 530½p, **Argos** 5p to 798½p, and **DFS Furniture** 3p to 533½p.

Strong & Fisher surged 8p to 20½p in a thin market. **Hillsdown Holdings**, its parent company which already owns 90.2 per cent of the equity, is offering 21p a share in cash for the rest. Hillsdown finished ½p firmer at 182½p.

Shares in **Conrad**, the leisure and business support group, were suspended at 6¾p awaiting shareholder approval for a reorganisation. Reports at the weekend suggested the group, which owns Sir Bobby Charlton's football consultancy business, would be reversed into by Sheffield United, the First Division football club. Attempts earlier this year by Conrad to acquire Leeds United in a £30 million deal failed.

Some upbeat comments from BZW lifted **Grand Metropolitan** 7½p to 495p.

Vodafone, the mobile telephone operator, has now signed up one million customers to its digital network, lifting the total number of subscribers to 2.65 million. The shares firmed 1p to 227½p.

News of share sales by three directors left **Time Products** 17p lower at 369½p. Between them they unloaded a total of 803,982 shares at 366p with the chairman's family trusts selling a further 3.49 million shares at 366p.

Brandon Hire, the plant equipment group, tumbled 32p to 85½p after saying that it may not match profit expectations this year.

A profits warning failed to budge **Selector**, which ended the session all-square at 64p.

Confirmation of improving margins at **Courtyard Leisure**, lifted the shares 1½p to 17¾p. *Richard Capper, chairman, told shareholders at the* annual meeting that trading and margins were up on last year. UBS, the broker, has been appointed financial adviser as the group prepares to move from the USM to the Alternative Investment Market.

Stirling Group has also appointed a new broker, Bell Lawrie White. The price finished ½p lighter at 42½p.

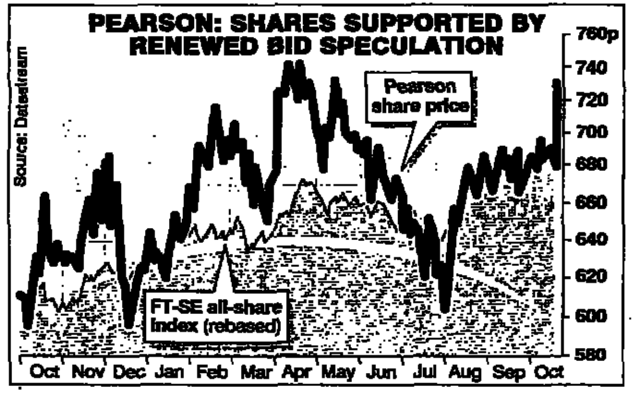
☐ **GILT-EDGED:** The market showed signs of bottoming out after last week's sharp falls. But investors proved reluctant to commit further funds ahead of this week's auctions. Later today the Bank of England is offering £2 billion of Treasury 7 per cent 2001 followed on Thursday by £1.5 billion of Treasury 8 per cent 2015. Brokers say the issue should be comfortably oversubscribed.

In futures the December series of the long gilt slipped a couple of ticks to £109⅜ as a total of 37,000 contracts were completed.

In longs, Treasury 8 per cent shed $^{5}/_{32}$ at £100⅝, while in shorts Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was a tick lower at £103$^{21}/_{32}$.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Earnings-driven rallies in IBM and major oil companies boosted shares on Wall Street, where at midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 21.24 points higher at 6,115.47.

Nynex CableComms, the communications specialist, firmed 1p to 96p as more than 4 million shares changed hands amid claims that a bid for the company is about to emerge. Its parent, Nynex, continues to hold 67 per cent of the shares. Only last month Nynex agreed a £15 billion merger with Bell Atlantic.



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MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 6115.47 (+21.24)
S&P Composite .... 712.46 (+1.64)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .... 21302.95 (-309.35)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... Closed

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 592.43 (-1.90)

Sydney:
AO .... 2363.2 (+6.2)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2729.03 (-5.79)

Singapore:
Straits .... 2044.33 (-20.29)

Brussels:
General .... 10015.86 (+70.34)

Paris:
CAC-40 .... 2180.22 (-5.01)

Zurich:
SKA Gen .... 787.70 (-3.80)

London:
FT 30 .... 2870.1 (+4.0)
FT 100 .... 4073.1 (+20.0)
FTSE Mid 250 .... 4449.4 (-0.7)
FTSE 350 .... 2022.1 (+7.8)
FTSE Eurotrack 100 .... 1789.46 (+1.73)
FT All-Share .... 1994.54 (+7.09)
FT Non Financials .... 2089.71 (+8.33)
FT Fixed Interest .... 115.45 (+0.05)
FT Govt Secs .... 93.90 (-0.10)
Bargains 42670
SEAQ Volume 614.1m
USM (Datastrm) .... 205.52 (+1.19)
US$ .... 1.5905 (-0.0013)
German Mark .... 2.4435 (-0.0125)
Exchange Index .... 89.0 (-0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)
£:ECU 1.2730
£:SDR 1.1060
RPI .... 153.8 Sep (2.1%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX .... 153.6 Sep (2.9%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Airtech	75	...
Charles Taylor	161½	...
Cruden Bay	79½	- 1
Deltron Electrn	160½	...
Elec Retail Sys	176½	- 3
Eurasia Mining	312½	...
Fitness First	90½	...
Geo Interactive Md	106½	...
Grosvenor Land	15¾	...
Hartstone 8% Cum	121	+ ½
Imperial Tobacco	382½	+ 3½
Interoute Tele	167½	...
Lavendon	155½	- 1
Lomond Under	131	+ 1
Mears Group	12	...
Millennium Chem	1406¼	- 16¼
Oriental Resturnts	205½	...
Personal Number	82½	- 2
Polydoc	69½	...
Shalibane	139½	...
Thistle Hotels (170)	171½	+ ½
Ultra Electronics	299	- 1
Victory Corp	58	...
Weeks Group	7¼	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Cairn Energy n/p (360)	6	...
Celsis Ind n/p (100)	7½	- ½
Clyde Blwrs n/p (265)	25	...
Prism Rail n/p (240)	122	- 3

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Country Gdns .... 135p (+12½p)
Danka Bs Sys .... 617½p (+25p)
Next .... 585p (+18½p)
Nat West .... 721p (+12p)
Euotherm .... 610p (+10pp)
Smiths Inds .... 821½p (+11p)
Reuters .... 806p (+10½p)
Cosalt .... 208½p (+16p)
Pressac .... 213½p (+16p)

FALLS:
Brandon Hire .... 86½p (-31p)
Time Products .... 369½p (-17p)
Rolfe & Nolan .... 342½p (-15p)
Celltech .... 467½p (-10p)
De La Rue .... 576p (-9p)
Courts Furnish .... 980p (-12½p)
CRA .... 977½p (-12p)

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TEMPUS

Too much in the barrel

OIL COMPANY shares look expensive, buoyed by oil price expectations. Yesterday's results from the American oil majors ought to have given pause for thought, if only because the results were unexciting. Yet Wall Street was in jubilant mood, marking up oil stocks — and London followed suit.

Higher oil prices helped four US companies, Exxon, Texaco, Chevron and Mobil, to increase their upstream earnings but much of what they gained from selling expensive crude was lost in weak refining margins. Chevron's refining margin was almost halved from the previous quarter and results from BP and Shell next month should show a similar picture as the higher price of feedstocks cuts downstream profits.

BP is more geared to the price than Shell but the picture of a commodity price going into orbit is misleading, as the Brent crude price is not the only benchmark. On the American west coast, prices in the third quarter for the local heavy oils were weak and that had an impact on Alaskan crude, whose price fell in the second quarter. BP is a major Alaskan producer and its third quarter earnings will reflect a mixture of higher Brent but lower Alaskan North Slope prices.

The bigger question is which way the market is heading. Logic dictates that in the absence of an outright war, the Iraqi factor should be discounted and oil prices should reflect fundamentals. These show strong world demand and low heating oil stocks but the expectation is that non-Opec oil production will rise strongly. The futures market is still betting on a $20 oil price next year but a mild winter could easily put paid to that.

Burton Group

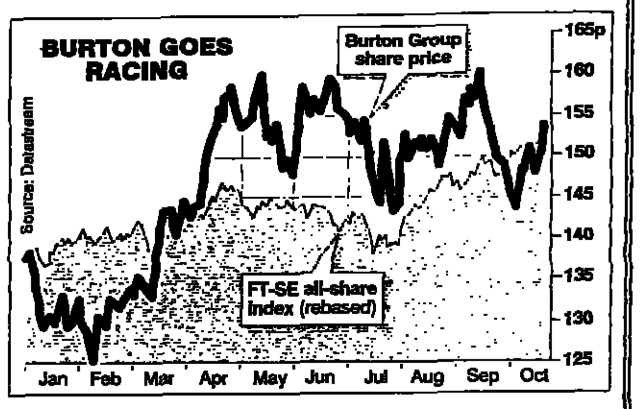
BURTON is being coy about its plans in home shopping, doubtless for good commercial reasons. However, given that Burton is overwhelmingly a clothes retailer, it is safe to assume that it will promote Burton clothing brands by catalogue.

With that in mind, the acquisition of Racing Green makes more sense than its purchase of Innovations, a specialist in the sort of gadgets only ever found in catalogues.

Home shopping know-how is what Burton needs, and Racing Green will help *in setting up parallel catalogue businesses for Dorothy Perkins and Principles.*

Also a high street retailer, Racing Green should fit well into the Burton stable. With only five shops, it has plenty of room to grow, backed up by Burton's financial clout. However, Burton did not pick up a bargain when it bought Racing Green, paying £19 million, more than the value of its turnover. That comes on top of the £45 million paid for Innovations, a deal which looks even more curious after Racing Green, and the investment will not stop there. When Burton sorts out its home shopping strategy, it will incur heavy start-up costs for warehousing, printing, distribution channels and more.

Home shopping could be a winner in the long term. In the meantime Burton will have to invest heavily to build a catalogue business that will make a significant contribution.



Source: Datastream

Barclays

FILING share certificates is the sort of boring business that would suit a clearing bank. It brings forth the image of hundreds of clerks and piles of lever arch files but that is probably why Barclays is thinking of selling its global custody operation to Morgan Stanley. Still lacking the cachet of broking or corporate finance, it has become both more sophisticated and more expensive to run.

Global custodians don't just store share certificates. They mediate between the fund manager and the pension fund, tracking the movement of securities and funds worldwide, chasing dividend payments and monitoring cash flow. To compete in this market involves heavy investment in systems and the largest players are American banks, such as Chase Manhattan, Citibank and Bankers Trust, which boast trillions of dollars of securities under management.

Unfortunately, the huge numbers don't mean huge revenue streams. Charging on the basis of a percentage of the portfolio, fees for custody might be as little as a fraction of a basis point. Hence the need for scale and Barclays, which is shedding less profitable business, may have decided the returns were inadequate. For Morgan Stanley, Barclays has a special attraction after the acquisition of the Wells Fargo fund management operation.

Morgan previously handled custody for Wells, a major fund manager, and a contract could be an important basis for a deal.

Greycoat

ACTIVE Value Advisors, one of the City's busiest *agents provocateurs*, has secured an immediate return from its trouble-making at Greycoat. Shares in the property company climbed by 5½p to 148½p yesterday - a 3.7 per cent rise. Not a bad day's work for the cost of a press release and a letter to Greycoat's chairman.

Greycoat is perhaps not the most deserving case for Active Value's attentions. Its performance since the rescue refinancing in late 1993 has been indifferent, but not horrendous — though it has done badly against its sector over the last six months. With the property recovery lookingly increasingly well-founded, it seems a daft time to switch out of Greycoat's prime "trophy" properties in the West End and into cash.

Ever impatient for instant profits, this is obviously not Active Value's ultimate aim. Even if its plans to sell-off all Greycoat's property is defeated, the company's management will be keen to demonstrate that they are doing all in their power to produce better returns. Shareholders stand to gain either way.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

Dec	961-960	Mar	1054-1053
Mar	986-985	May	1063-1060
May	1000-999	Jul	1074-1070
Jul	1015-1011	Sep	1088-1075
Sep	1028-1026		
Dec	1039-1037		Volume: 4690

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	1500-1497	Jul	1340-1330
Jan	1389-1385	Sep	1350-1330
Mar	1356-1355	Nov	1350-1330
May	1332-1330		Volume: 8451

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	317.2-15.6
Spot: 325.5		Oct	310.9-09.0
Dec	318.0-17.4	Dec	313.5-12.1
Mar	314.5-13.7	Mar	315.0-14.2
May	315.2-14.0		Volume: 2058

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 18

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	94.55	116.36	98.22
(+/-)	-5.19	+1.20	+1.39
Eng/Wales:	94.55	116.19	98.41
(+/-)	-5.19	+1.59	+1.53
(%)	-2.0	+5.0	+1.0
Scotland:	unq	117.79	95.44
(+/-)	...	-0.64	-0.58
(%)	...	-24.0	+3.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	25.05	n/c
Brent 15 day (Dec)	24.50	n/c
Brent 15 day (Jan)	23.85	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	25.30	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	24.80	+0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	240 (+1)	244 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	239 (-1)	240 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	124 (n/c)	126 (n/c)
Naphtha	228 (n/c)	230 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Nov	234.00-34.25	Feb	212.50-13.00
Dec	227.75-28.00	Mar	203.25-04.00
Jan	221.25-21.50		Vol: 11698

BRENT (6.00pm)

Dec	24.50-24.53	Mar	22.41 SLR
Jan	23.80-23.85	Apr	n/a
Feb	23.10-23.15		Vol: 19494

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Nov	97.40	Nov	94.25
Jan	99.35	Jan	96.00
Mar	100.50	Mar	97.50
May	102.00	May	99.00
Jul	103.50	Sep	93.00
Volume: 947		Volume: 71	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	32.5
Mar	...	68.7
Apr	68.5	70.0
		Volume: 74

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Nov 82.25-82.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Oct 96	1242	1240	1242
Nov 96	1350	1340	1350
Dec 96	1330	1325	1330
Jan 97	1345	1321	1330
Vol: 316 lots			Open Interest: 4408

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1975.0-1976.0	1943.0-1945.0	2695500
Lead ($/tonne)	707.00-708.00	718.00-719.00	246425
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	993.00-994.00	1019.0-1019.5	310600
Tin ($/tonne)	5899.0-5899.0	5960.0-5961.0	17265
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1322.0-1322.5	1353.0-1353.5	1266950
Nickel ($/tonne)	6940.0-6950.0	7046.0-7048.0	44520

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Alld Dom	460	25½	32½	37	17	21½	28
(*473½)	500	8½	15	20	43	46	52
ASDA	110	10½	12	14½	2	4	5
(*116½)	120	5	7	9	6½	8½	9½
Boots	600	48	61½	69	6½	12	19
(*640½)	650	18	31½	39½	26½	33	41½
Br Airways	550	52½	64½	72	7½	14½	19½
(*592½)	600	22	34½	42½	26½	33½	41½
BP	650	51	62½	72	12	18	24
(*686½)	700	22½	35½	45½	33	40½	47
Br Steel	160	20	23	25½	2½	4½	8
(*178½)	180	6½	11	14	10	12½	18
C & W	420	31	42½	48	8½	14½	19½
(*441)	460	10½	22½	28	29	35	39½
CU	650	30	40½	48	20½	36½	39½
(*651½)	700	10½	20	27	52	69	71
ICI	750	61½	74	80	10	22½	28
(*792½)	800	31	44	52	29	46	51½
Land Sec	700	26½	41	47½	14	19½	27½
(*714)	750	8½	17	23	46	48½	52
M & S	500	38	49½	55	5	10	15
(*530½)	550	10	21½	27½	28	33	38½
Nat West	700	46	55	63	16	34½	39
(*721)	750	21	30	39½	41½	62½	66½
Safeway plc	360	21	30½	35	11½	17½	24
(*369)	390	8	17	21½	29	34	41
Sainsbury	330	27½	34½	38	4½	7½	13
(*352½)	360	11	17½	21½	18	21	27½
Shell	1000	66½	84	91½	9	37½	24½
(*1048)	1050	34½	50½	60½	24½	40	45½
Smkl Bch	750	59½	74½	87	12½	23	30½
(*793)	800	29½	46	60	32½	44½	53
Storehse	300	0	—	—	0	—	—
(*unq)	330	0	—	—	0	—	—
Trafalgar	50	0	—	—	0	—	—
(*unq)	60	0	—	—	0	—	—
Zeneca	1700	126½	163	170½	42	65½	77
(*1761½)	1800	74½	110	126	87½	113	123
	Series	**Nov**	**Jan**	**Apr**	**Nov**	**Jan**	**Apr**
BAT Ind	420	15	24½	33½	11	17	31
(*422½)	460	3½	10	17½	38½	42	56½
Vodafone	220	12	15	22	2½	7½	11
(*227½)	240	2½	6½	13	14	18½	22
	Series	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
Grnd Met	460	38	45½	52½	1½	10	14
(*495)	500	9½	20½	29½	13½	28	31½
Ladbroke	200	9	16	19½	3	6½	10½
(*206½)	220	1	6½	10½	14½	17½	21½
Utd Bisc	200	17	23½	26½	1	4½	7½
(*215½)	220	3½	11½	15½	8	13½	17

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
BAA	500	26½	39½	49	10½	16½	22½
(*515½)	550	6	16	24½	41½	45½	49
Thames W	500	45½	56½	63½	n	13	23½
(*542½)	550	14½	28	35½	26	35	49½
	Series	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
BTR	240	16½	23	25½	1	4½	8½
(*254½)	260	4	11	14½	8½	12	18
Br Aero	1150	52½	84	101	9½	23	37½
(*1198½)	1200	22	55	73½	30	44	60
Br Telcm	330	30	35	39	0½	5½	8½
(*358)	360	8	15½	21	8	18	20½
Cadbury	500	23	39½	45½	3½	12	22
(*517½)	550	2	15	21	33	38½	49½
Guinness	460	14½	27½	34	7	14	22½
(*465½)	500	1½	10½	16½	35	37½	46½
GEC	360	23	30	37	2	7½	11½
(*383)	390	4½	13	20	13	21	24½
Hanson	119	6½	9½	—	2	5	—
(*123½)	130	0½	3	—	13	15	—
LASMO	220	12	19½	23½	3	6½	9
(*229)	240	2½	9½	13½	13	16½	19
LucasVarity	240	21½	29½	34½	1½	5½	9½
(*259)	260	8	17½	23½	8	13½	17½
Pilkingtn	160	13½	18	22	1	4	5½
(*173)	180	2	7½	11½	10½	13½	15
Prudential	460	27½	41½	47½	3½	11½	20
(*481½)	500	6	20	26	21½	30	40
Redland	420	36½	44½	51½	2½	8½	14½
(*456)	460	6½	20½	28	17	24½	33½
R-Royce	260	10½	19½	24½	5	11	15
(*264)	280	2	10½	15	17½	22	26
Tesco	330	13	23½	29½	5	11	18
(*336)	360	1½	10	15½	24½	28	34½
Williams	360	11½	—	—	5	—	—
(*365)	390	1	—	—	25½	—	—

FTSE INDEX (*4072½)

	3950	4000	4050	4100	4150	4200
Calls						
Nov	147½	103½	65½	36	16	5
Dec	170½	138½	103	72	48	30
Jan	198	159	120½	95½	71	49½
Feb	215½	180½	146	118½	91½	70½
Jun	—	246	—	189	—	141½
Puts						
Nov	9½	17	30½	51½	84	129
Dec	27½	38	54	74½	102½	137
Jan	41½	54	69	90½	117	148½
Feb	57	71	88	112	136½	166½
Jun	—	126½	—	169½	—	220½

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Dec	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Abby Nat	600	25	39½	47½	15½	34	38
(*609)	650	6½	19	26½	48	65½	68
Amstrad	140	13	—	—	5	—	—
(*147)	160	4	—	—	16	—	—
Barclays	950	70	89	101	9	27	35½
(*1002½)	1000	37½	57½	72½	25½	49	57½
Natl Pwr	360	24	34	39½	6	12½	22½
(*379½)	400	5	15	—	27½	32½	—
	Series	**Jan**	**Apr**	**Jul**	**Jan**	**Apr**	**Jul**
Glaxo W	1000	53½	73½	87½	27	46½	55½
(*1012½)	1050	30	49	63½	54	73½	81½
HSBC	1300	63½	88	112½	37½	67½	84
(*1309)	1350	40	64	89½	64	95½	111½
Reuter	800	40	60	74	27½	40	47
(*806)	850	21	37	51	56	67½	74
Royal & Sun	394	37	43½	—	5½	15	—
(*420)	431	15½	22	—	21½	34½	—
	Series	**Dec**	**Feb**	**May**	**Dec**	**Feb**	**May**
Blue Circ	390	25½	33½	39½	5½	10	17
(*406½)	420	9	17	23½	19½	24	32
	Series	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**
Kingfshr	650	42	53	61	22½	35	40
(*659)	700	19½	29½	38½	50½	62½	67½
	Series	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**
Unilever	1300	56½	80	92½	11	24	37
(*1344)	1350	24½	49½	62	31	45	59½
	Series	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**
Br Gas	180	10	14	17	4	6	9½
(*185)	200	2	5	9	16	17½	21
Dixons	550	47½	61	73½	5½	14½	20
(*586½)	600	17½	32	45	25½	36	42
EMI Group	1250	62	89	115½	20	38½	48½
(*1280)	1300	33½	62	88½	42	61½	71½
Tarmac	90	6	9½	11	3	5	7
(*92)	100	2	5½	6½	9	11	12½
Hillsdwn	180	7	11½	13½	5½	8½	13½
(*182½)	200	1	4	6	20½	21½	27
Lonrho	160	9½	13½	16	3½	8	9
(*164)	180	2	5	7½	16½	20	21
Sears	80	n	—	—	0½	—	—
[illegible]	90	3	—	—	4	—	—
Thorn EMI	1600	75	—	—	10½	—	—
(*1640)	1700	24	—	—	71	—	—
Tomkins	260	16	21½	27½	5½	11	13½
(*269)	280	6½	12	18	16	21	24
Lloyds TSB	390	24½	34	39	5½	16½	20
(*405½)	420	8	19½	24	19½	32	36
Sent Pwr	314	21½	27	—	3	8	—
(*300½)	332	5½	12	—	16	23	—

October 21, 1996 Tot: 55399 Call: 21998 Put: 33401 FTSE Call: 7095 Put: 17078
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FTSE 100 Previous open interest: 64547	Dec 96	4087.0	4106.0	4080.0	4101.0	8957
	Mar 97	4097.0	4097.0	4097.0	4114.0	34
FTSE 250 Previous open interest: 3571	Dec 96				4467.0	0
	Mar 97					0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 445897	Dec 96	93.89	93.92	93.88	93.89	10238
	Mar 97	93.69	93.73	93.67	93.69	19354
	Jun 97	93.37	93.41	93.33	93.34	19713
Three Mth Euro Yen	Mar 97	99.35	99.35	99.33	99.35	53
	Jun 97	99.21	99.21	99.20	99.21	296
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 1114121	Dec 96	96.85	96.86	96.84	96.85	14638
	Mar 97	96.84	96.87	96.84	96.86	24097
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 161296	Dec 96	109-15	109-20	109-09	109-12	36870
	Mar 97	108-22	108-22	108-22	108-16	137
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 96	123.64	123.65	123.54	123.65	2371
	Mar 97	122.61	122.63	122.57	122.67	755
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 265297	Dec 96	99.60	99.67	99.52	99.56	80011
	Mar 97	98.59	98.60	98.53	98.53	2013
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 25766	Dec 96	95.88	95.88	95.87	95.87	400
	Mar 97	95.88	95.88	95.87	95.87	269
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 83407	Dec 96	98.25	98.28	98.21	98.24	2694
	Mar 97	98.26	98.27	98.20	98.24	2769
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 84617	Dec 96	122.80	123.60	122.70	123.19	39458
	Mar 97				122.44	0

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¾ Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5¾ Low 5½ Week fixed: 5$^{11}/_{16}$
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5$^{11}/_{16}$: 3 mth 5¾ . Sell: 2 mth [illegible] : 3 mth: 5½ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6-5¾	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open 5¾ close 5¾ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	6¼
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	5.28	n/a	5.41	5.50	5.71
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5-4
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	3½-3	3½-3	3½-2½
French Franc:	3½-3¼	[illegible]	3½-3¼	3½-3¼	4-3
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2-1
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $379.80-380.10 Close: $381.60-382.10 High: $382.40-382.90
Low: $379.00-379.50 AM: $380.00 PM: $381.00

Krugerrand: $381.00-383.00 (£239.00-241.00)

Platinum: $383.50 (£241.25) Silver: $4.94 (£3.095) Palladium: $116.25 (£73.05)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Oct 21	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7489-2.7538	2.7397-2.7422	[illegible]	2¼-2pr
Brussels	50.292-50.600	50.292-50.387	15-10pr	40-34pr
Copenhagen	9.3495-9.4000	9.3495-9.3596	2-1½pr	5½-4½pr
Dublin	0.9919-0.9949	0.9919-0.9938	4pr-par	11-5pr
Frankfurt	2.4419-2.4553	2.4419-2.4446	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lisbon	246.07-247.51	246.07-246.38	[illegible]	[illegible]
Madrid	205.41-206.55	205.41-205.62	14-24ds	37-55ds
Milan	2437.0-2450.1	2437.00-2440.6	44-60ds	116-138ds
Montreal	2.1400-2.1518	2.1433-2.1455	0.49-0.44pr	0.92-0.84pr
New York	1.5892-1.5948	1.5903-1.5910	0.09-0.07pr	0.213-0.182pr
Oslo	10.345-10.401	10.345-10.358	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paris	8.2521-8.2980	8.2521-8.2598	[illegible]	5½-5pr
Stockholm	10.514-10.577	10.514-10.536	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tokyo	179.08-180.09	179.19-179.42	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vienna	17.179-17.274	17.179-17.198	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zurich	2.0099-2.0249	2.0099-2.0123	[illegible]	[illegible]

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2526-1.2534
Austria	10.80-10.81
Belgium (Com)	31.65-31.66
Canada	1.3485-1.3490
Denmark	5.8830-5.8850
France	5.1923-5.1943
Germany	1.5368-1.5371
Hong Kong	7.7320-7.7323
Ireland	1.5990-1.6010
Italy	1533.90-1535.40
Japan	112.75-112.85
Malaysia	2.5066-2.5073
Netherlands	1.7230-1.7235
Norway	6.5091-6.5128
Portugal	154.82-154.92
Singapore	1.4145-1.4152
Spain	129.22-129.27
Sweden	6.6150-6.6250
Switzerland	1.2640-1.2650

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5898-1.5924
Australia dollar	1.9911-1.9936
Bahrain dinar	0.5930-0.6050
Brazil real*	1.6363-1.6406
China yuan	n/a
Cyprus pound	0.7335-0.7435
Finland markka	7.2700-7.3860
Greece drachma	379.5-386.5
Hong Kong dollar	12.2931-12.3013
India rupee	56.26-57.22
Indonesia rupiah	3660.0-3728.6
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4720-0.4820
Malaysia ringgit	3.9851-3.9884
New Zealand dollar	2.2318-2.2354
Pakistan rupee	58.30 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7275-5.8515
Singapore dollar	2.2489-2.2511
S Africa rand (com)	7.2030-7.3050
U A E dirham	5.7775-5.9015

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FTSE VOLUMES

3i	108	Lloyds TSB	6,300
ASDA Gp	15,400	LucasVarity	2,000
Abbey Ntl	1,900	Marks Spr	2,900
Allied Dom	383	NatWst Bk	4,400
Argos	277	Nat Grid	4,400
AB Foods	205	Nat Power	5,100
BAA	2,000	Next	1,500
BAT Inds	7,100	Orange	1,200
BOC	571	P & O	2,700
BP	5,500	Pearson	6,700
BSkyB	1,200	Pilkington	3,000
BTR	8,700	PowerGen	1,000
BT	11,900	Prudential	3,200
Bk of Scot	5,400	RMC	831
Barclays	3,000	RTZ	2,400
Bass	835	Railtrack	2,000
Blue Circle	614	Rank Group	3,300
Boots	1,200	Reckitt Col	707
BAe	1,400	Redland	311
BA	1,100	Reed Intl	992
Brit Gas	9,700	Rentokil	4,500
Brit Steel	4,700	Reuters	3,300
Burmah Cstl	592	Rolls Royce	5,200
Burton	5,100	Royal & Sun	1,800
Cable Wire	2,900	Royal Bk Sct	405
Cadbury	1,100	Safeway	4,200
Carlton Cms	2,600	Sainsbury	4,400
Cm Union	672	Schroders	276
Courtaulds	207	Scot & New	259
Dixons	1,000	Scot Power	2,100
EMI	1,500	Svrn Trent	532
Enterpr Oil	4,800	Shell Trans	5,500
GKN	289	Siebe	1,100
GRE	917	SmKl Bch	3,300
GUS	1,900	Smith Nph	885
Gen Acc	474	Smiths Inds	703
Gen Elec	3,700	Std Chartd	1,700
Glaxo Well	2,300	TI Gp	502
Granada	1,000	Tate & Lyle	615
Grand Met	2,600	Tesco	5,900
Guinness	2,400	Thames W	488
HSBC	2,700	Tomkins	449
Hanson	15,400	Unilever	1,400
ICI	770	Utd Utilities	1,600
Imp Tob	9,300	Utd News	626
Kingfisher	1,600	Vodafone	4,900
LASMO	441	Whitbread	361
Ladbroke	1,700	Wilms Hld	2,600
Land Secs	765	Wolseley	941
Legal & Gn	2,600	Zeneca	1,000

WALL STREET

	Oct 21 midday	Oct 18 close
AMP Inc	39	39
AMR Corp	81¼	80
ASA	39	39
AT & T	40	40
Abbott Labs	52¾	52¾
Advanced Micro	17¼	17¼
Aetna Life	64¾	64¾
Ahmanson (HF)	29¾	29¾
Air Prod & Chem	62	61¾
AirTouch Comm	25¾	26
Alberto-Culver B	44¼	44¾
Albertson's	34½	34½
Alcan Alumnm	32¾	32½
Alco Standard	46½	46½
Allied Signal	65½	64½
Alum Co of Am	60	59½
Amax Gold Inc	5½	5¾
Amerada Hess	56½	56½
Amer Brands	48¾	48
Amer El Power	40½	40¾
Amer Express	46½	46½
Amer Genl Corp	38½	38½
Amer Home Pr	66	65½
Amer Intl	105½	105½
Amer Stores	40½	40½
Amer Standard	36¾	36½
Ameritech	56½	57
Amoco	76½	74½
Anheuser-Busch	39½	39½
Apple Computer	26½	26¼
Archer Daniels	21½	21½
Armco	4	3¾
Armstrng Wrld	67½	66½
Asarco	25¾	25¾
Atl Richfield	134½	134½
Auto Data Pro	42½	42½
Avery Dennison	60½	60½
Avon Products	50	49½
Baker Hughes	36½	36½
Baltim Gas & El	26¾	26½
Banc One	43¾	42½
BankAmerica	89	88½
Bank of NY	30½	29½
Bankers Tr NY	83½	85½
Barnett Banks	38¾	38½
Bausch & Lomb	34½	34½
Baxter Intl	45¾	45½
Bectn Dicknsn	45½	45
Bell Atlantic	60¾	60½
Bell Industries	17	17
BellSouth	39½	39½
Black & Decker	40½	40½
Block (H&R)	26½	26¾
Boeing	98½	98½
Boise Cascade	31¾	31¾
Bristol Myrs Sq	104½	104¾
Browning Ferris	26½	26¾
Brunswick	24¾	24½
Burlington Nthn	86½	87
CMS Energy Corp	31	30½
CNA Financial	97¾	97½
CPC Intl	79½	79½
CSX	47½	47
Campbell Soup	81	80½
Can Pacific	24½	24½
Carolina Pwr	34½	34¾
Caterpillar	74¾	74¾
Central & SW	25½	25½
Champion Intl	42½	42¾
Chase Manhat	82½	82½
Chevron Corp	66½	67½
Chrysler	33½	32¾
Chubb Corp	49½	49½
Cigna Corp	127½	127½
Citicorp	96½	96¾
Clorox	102½	102½
Coastal Corp	45½	45½
Coca Cola	49½	50¾
Coca Cola Ent	44½	44½
Colgate-Palmolive	90½	89¾
Columbia Gas	60½	60½
ColumbiaHCA	36½	35½
Compaq Comp	73	72½
Comp Ass Int	60¾	60
Conagra	49½	49
Conrail	89½	96½
Cons Edison	28½	28½
Cons Nat Gas	54¾	54½
Cooper Inds	42	41¾
Corestates	47½	49½
Corning Inc	39¾	39½
Crown Cork	48	48½
Dana Corp	30¾	30½
Dayton Hudson	33½	34½
Deere	44¾	44½
Delta Air Lines	69	67½
Deluxe Corp	36½	37½
Digital Equip	34½	34½
Dillard Dept St	32½	32½
Disney (Walt)	65¾	65
Dominion Res	37½	37½
Donelley (RR)	31½	31½
Dover Corp	53¾	52¾
Dow Chemical	78½	78½
Dow Jones	34½	34½
Dresser	33½	33½
Duke Power	47	46¾
Dun & Bradstreet	61½	61½
Du Pont	97	96½
Eastman Chem	54½	54½

	Oct 21 midday	Oct 18 close
Eastman Kodak	80¾	80
Eaton Corp	59½	59
Edison Int	18½	19
Emerson Elec	91¾	91½
Engelhard Corp	18¾	18¾
Enron Corp	44½	43½
Entergy	27½	27¾
Ethyl Corp	9	8½
Exxon	90¾	89½
FMC Corp	72	71¾
FPL Group	44½	44¾
Federal Express	80½	80
Fed Nat Mtge	36½	36½
First Bk Sys	64½	64½
First Union Rlty	7	6¾
Fleet Finl Grp	47½	47½
Fluor Corp	61¾	62
Ford Motor	31½	31½
GTE Corp	41½	41¾
Gannett	73¾	74
Gap Inc Del	30¾	30½
Gencorp	16½	16½
Gen Dynamics	69½	69½
Gen Electric	95½	95¾
Gen Mills	59½	59½
Gen Motors	53½	53¾
Gen Reinsurance	147½	147½
Gen Signal	42	41
Genuine Parts	43¾	43½
Georgia Pac	75¾	75
Gillette	74½	74¾
Glaxo Wellc ADR	32¾	32
Goodrich (BF)	43½	43½
Goodyear Tire	46½	45½
Grt Atl Pac Tea	32½	31½
Great Wstn Fin	27½	27¾
Halliburton	63	62½
Harcourt General	51½	51½
Heinz (HJ)	35½	35½
Hercules	51	50½
Hershey Foods	47½	48½
Hewlett Packard	47½	47½
Hilton Hotels	29¾	29
Home Depot	57¾	57½
Homestake Mng	13¾	13¾
Honeywell	61½	60
Household Intl	86½	86½
Houston Inds	23½	23½
Humana	19½	19½
ITT Corp	43	42½
Illinois Tool	73½	73½
Illinova	26½	26½
INCO	31	30¾
Ingersoll Rand	45½	45½
Inland Steel	16½	16½
Intel Corp	110½	110
IBM	132½	129¾
Intl Flav & Fr	43½	43
Intl Paper	42½	42½
James River Va	28½	28½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	51¾	51½
Kellogg	67½	67½
Kerr-McGee	63½	63½
Kimberly-Clark	88½	87½
Kmart	10½	10½
Knight-Ridder	37½	37½
Lilly (Eli)	69½	68½
Limited Inc	20½	20½
Lincoln Nat	46½	46½
Litton	47½	48½
Liz Claiborne	44½	45
Lockheed Martin	92½	94½
Louisiana Pac	21½	21½
MCI Comm	24½	24½
Marriott Int	55¾	58½
Marsh & McLnn	100½	99
Masco Corp	30½	30½
May Dept St	44½	46½
Maytag Corp	20½	20¾
McDonalds	47½	46
McDonnell D	54	53½
McGraw Hill	48	47½
Mead Corp	55	56¾
Medtronic	67½	66½
Mellon Bk	62½	62½
Melville Corp	39½	39½
Merck Inc	75¾	75¾
Merrill Lynch	70½	70
Microsoft	135½	134½
Minnesota Mine	71¾	72½
Mobil Corp	122½	121¾
Monsanto	41½	41½
Morgan (JP)	86	85½
Motorola Inc	49½	48
Natl Semi	19½	19½
Natl Service Ind	35½	35½
Navistar Int	9½	9½
NY Times A	35½	35½
Newmont Mng	44½	44
Niag Mohawk	8½	8½
Nike B	121¾	121
NL Industries	9½	10
Noram Energy	15½	15½
Nordstrom	36½	36
Norfolk Sthrn	94½	95½
Nthn State Pwr	46½	46½
Norwest Corp	43½	43½
Nynex Corp	44½	43
Occidental Pet	25½	25½
Ohio Edison	20½	20½

	Oct 21 midday	Oct 18 close
Oracle	44½	44½
Oryx Energy Co	19½	20
Overseas Ship	16½	16½
Owens Corning	37½	37½
PHH Corp	31½	31½
PPG Industries	56½	56½
PNC Bank	35¾	35¾
PP&L Res	22½	22½
Paccar Inc	58½	56¾
Pacificorp	20½	21
Pac Enterprises	31½	31¾
Pac Gas & Elect	22¾	23
Pac Telesis	35¾	35
Pall Corp	26¾	26¾
Parker Hannifin	39½	38½
Peco Energy	24¾	24¾
Penney (JC)	53	54
Pennzoil	55	55½
Pepsico	30	30¾
Pfizer	84½	84¾
Pharm & Upjhn	36½	36¾
Phelps Dodge	64½	63
Philip Morris	92½	92½
Phillips Pet	43½	43½
Pitney Bowes	55	55
Polaroid	43½	43
PriceCostco	20½	20½
Procter & Gmbl	97½	99½
Providian	46½	46½
Pub Serv E & G	27	27¾
Quaker Oats	36¾	36½
Ralston Purina	68¾	68½
Raychem Corp	74½	73¾
Raytheon	49½	50
Reebok Intl	35½	35
Reynolds Metals	56½	57
Rockwell Intl	57½	55¾
Rohm & Haas	65½	69¾
Royal Dutch	170¾	168½
Rubbermaid	23½	24
SBC Comms	50¾	50
Safeco Corp	36½	36½
St Paul's Cos	56½	56¾
Salomon Inc	45½	45
Sara Lee Corp	36½	37
Schering Plough	64½	65½
Schlumberger	99½	97½
Seagram	35½	35¾
Sears Roebuck	50½	51½
Shell Trans	100½	100
Sherwin Wllms	51¾	52
Skyline Corp	27½	27¾
Snap-On-Tools	33¾	33¾
Southern Co	22½	22½
Sprint Corp	39½	38½
Stanley Works	28¾	28½
Sun Company	25½	25½
Sun Microsys	61½	60
Suntrust	44½	44½
Supervalu	29½	29½
Sysco Corp	34¾	34¾
TRW Inc	89	88½
TCC Inds	1½	1½
Tandem Comp	12½	12
Tandy Corp	40½	40½
Temple Inland	50½	50½
Tenneco	50	49½
Texaco	106¾	105½
Texas Inst	52½	53½
Texas Utilities	39¾	39½
Textron	88¾	87¾
Time Warner	40½	39¾
Times-Mirror A	45	44½
Timken	43	40½
Torchmark	48½	48½
Toys R Us	33	32½
Transamerica	72½	72½
Travelers	53	53
Tribune	82	82½
Tyco Int	49	49½
UST Inc	29½	29½
UAL	45¾	44½
US Inds	27½	27½
US West Comm	30½	30½
USX Marathon	23½	23½
Unicom	25½	25½
Unilever NV	157½	157
Union Camp	48½	49½
Union Carbide	43½	41½
Union Pacific	56½	55½
Unisys Corp	7½	7½
USAIR Group	16½	16½
USF&G Corp	18½	18
US Life	31	30½
United Tech	127¾	127½
Unocal Corp	37½	37½
VF Corp	63¾	63¾
WMX Tech	34½	34½
Wal-Mart Stores	27½	28½
Warner-Lambert	65½	65½
Wells Fargo	267½	265½
Westinghouse El	18¾	18¾
Weyerhaeuser	45½	45½
Whirlpool	48½	49½
Whitman	24¾	24½
Winn Dixie	33½	33½
Woolworth	22½	21½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	60½	60½
Xerox	47½	49½
Yellow Corp	12¾	12½

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CITY DIARY

Green erases Black memory

DAVID KRANTZ, the owner of Racing Green, which yesterday announced it was being bought by Burton Group for £19 million, already had October 21 etched on his memory. On that day nine years ago, Blazer, the chain of menswear stores he had founded, was due to be floated. The intervention of Black Monday on October 19 put a stop to all that and sent nine months of planning down the drain.

Yesterday will be memorable for a much better reason — he gets £15 million from the sale of Racing Green, the home shopping company he set up after eventually selling Blazer for £5.4 million. He says he has now had enough of clothes retailing and sees himself setting up in restaurants or publishing. Will he make fortune number three?

Waist not

CUTTING a fine figure around town is Brian Taylor, ebullient chief executive of Wardle Storeys, the parachutes and inflatable boats company. He has taken a leaf out of Nigel Lawson's book and lost five stone on a crash diet. He looks much happier than the former Chancellor. Now tipping the scales at around 13½ stone, he is confident he will not pile on the pounds again, despite his taste for the finer things in life. That may be just as well, for having lost almost 12 inches around his waist he has thrown out an entire wardrobe of clothes.

"Harvey Nichols? You can't miss it — take the A1 to Pontefract then the M62 for Leeds"

Sporting chance

AN insurance policy was launched yesterday for executives who pay huge membership fees to exclusive sports and health clubs. The policy will pay subscription fees if you are injured and unable to use the facilities, or if you are unemployed. The policy is the idea of Lowndes Lambert, the insurance broker, after one of its development managers, Scott Ingham, suffered a back injury that put him out of action for a couple of months.

A CABBIE waiting outside the newly opened OXO Tower restaurant was asked who he was waiting for. The reply may come as a suprise for the chairman of English Heritage: "Dunno exactly mate, some woman called Jocelyn Stevens."

Tall order

BUSINESS folk in Harrogate this week for the annual Institute of Personnel and Development annual conference are in for a a shock — a one-man show called *Tall, Dark, Handsome and No 1* that aims to provoke executives into thinking about the environmental, social and ethical challenges of business.

EMPLOYERS would be forgiven for a sudden jump in blood pressure over a new report on stress at work. Announcing the study, the Institute of Personnel and Development said that stress-related illness cost UK employers £79 billion. The figure should have been £7 billion to £8 billion.

Early warning: the Chancellor had a preview of the CBI's latest *Industrial Trends* survey before his weekend Budget strategy session

Clarke's dilemma: cut tax for votes or appease industry?

Philip Bassett explains why the Chancellor faces a difficult Budget decision next month

Business leaders at the Confederation of British Industry *will today slot into place a key* piece of Kenneth Clarke's pre-Budget jigsaw when for the final time before the Chancellor takes out his red box, they reveal the state of British business. CBI leaders are expected, in their last quarterly *Industrial Trends* survey before the Budget, to be cautiously optimistic about the state of industry and the economy. The survey is expected to show confidence with output and orders rising.

The CBI's survey will be broadly in line with the improving mood of similar studies over the past few days and weeks from Britain's chambers of commerce, construction companies and others — that industry, especially manufacturing, is getting better, but still has considerable weaknesses, and so wants a Budget that will promote business and economic stability.

When Mr Clarke met his Treasury ministers and senior officials at Dorneywood, his official residence, over the weekend, to discuss strategy for the Budget next month, he had advance notice of today's CBI findings. But calls by business for stability based on survey evidence such as today's CBI report present the Chancellor with a dilemma: the Budget that industry wants is a good distance away from the Budget Conservative MPs want. The latter may see the Budget as the key opportunity for the Government to improve its prospects before the general election. Over a longer run, economic indicators are good, supporting in particular the current high street mini-boom, and allowing Mr Clarke to claim at the recent Conservative party conference that the economy is "in its best condition ever in our lifetime", adding that people can now "feel the benefits of Tory economic policy as never before."

Yet the Government's own, and most recent, economic figures are mixed. Unemployment fell last week, by 36,500 — a much larger total than the City had expected — but average earnings in effect rose a quarter of a point. Headline inflation is unchanged, but the Government's target measure of underlying inflation, excluding mortgage interest payments, is shifting up too. Both sets of figures prompted calls for higher interest rates, offset by *an unexpected setback in manufacturing*, where output in August fell at the fastest rate for more than three years.

The CBI's survey looks generally much more guarded than those from other business bodies, such as the Institute of Directors, British Chambers of Commerce, the Engineering Employers' Federation and the Building Employers' Confederation.

Taken together, the surveys show relative economic buoyancy, though couched with caution, and a considerable hope, that things will improve further. CBI leaders, for instance, will make it clear today that they believe that growth in the economy is there, is steady and is sustainable — providing *the Government takes no risks with it in the Budget*. Chambers of Commerce also emphasise the steadiness of growth, and suggest too that the manufacturing sector in particular is returning to levels of confidence not seen for 18 months or more. Company directors, as measured by the IoD's much-improved survey, see the outlook as positive, with recovery spreading, but are concerned that weaknesses in the UK's overseas markets are beginning to have an adverse impact on UK exporters. Sectorally, the engineering industry is showing improvement, though EEF leaders believe that while growth will continue, it will be at a slower pace. And in construction, as charted by the BEC's study, the pick-up in the housing market is finally feeding through to building firms after what has been for that industry a double-dip recession so far in the 1990s.

Such trends are leading to a considerable commonality of purpose across industry about what the Chancellor should then do in the Budget, which CBI leaders are likely to reflect this morning when they publish in full the detailed results of their own survey: a steady Budget for growth, with steps to improve the public finances — and little, if any at all, room for tax cuts.

Adair Turner, Director-General of the CBI, said: "Our key messages are clear. For business, the priorities are stability, investment and continued progress in reducing public borrowing." Arguing that the state of the public finances calls for "caution", he says: "The shortfall of corporation tax and VAT receipts is a major factor. If this shortfall proves permanent, the scope for planned tax cuts must reduce accordingly."

Dr Ian Peters, deputy Director-General of the Chambers of Commerce Association, agrees. "The Chancellor and the Bank of England must leave interest rates and taxes alone. Further reductions could cause undue stimulus to the economy, while any increase could threaten the delicate balance of this recovery and hurt export markets," he said. So given where industry is within the economy, what does industry want from the Chancellor? Caution is the watchword.

In line with the cautious Budget business is looking for, Treasury and Bank of England officials want the Chancellor to opt for prudence — in part because of the poor state of the public finances, but also because, like business, they do not believe that the economy, already moving up, needs any further stimulation. Tax cuts will be the key issue. Privately, business recognises that they are politically inevitable, though cuts in taxes — and especially any reductions in personal taxation — virtually define the economic imprudence business does not want to see. For business, how few cuts in taxes the Chancellor can get away with is likely to be the measure of how successful the Budget will be.

Business leaders are pleased with the note the Chancellor himself has been striking about what kind of Budget he is likely to produce, particularly on tax cuts. They liked what they heard from Mr Clarke at the Tory Party conference — that the key to any tax cuts is to control public spending and to reduce public borrowing: "We will cut taxes only when we can afford to, and only when it is good for the economy." They have not quite said so, but business leaders have all but declared that the state of the public finances are such that the Chancellor has, in fact, no room at all for tax cuts. To disguise the point, and to give the impression at least that they are cutting with the grain, most industry leaders propose at least some cuts in taxes — but they are virtually uniform in suggesting cuts in business taxation, and not just for self-interest, but because they are concerned that any cuts in personal taxes will damage the tax take still further and could add to inflationary pressures by an over-stimulation of demand.

But they privately recognise that what they claim to be the proposals that Britain needs economically are unlikely to be politically sufficient. In that, the judgment of business leaders may be shrewd: by sticking closely to economic requirements, industry leaders are clearly not tying themselves too obviously to the Conservative Party's political fortunes.

If Labour is voted in at the general election, on the Budget at least, business will have clean hands, having argued a case that manifestly is not enough for the Conservatives' re-election. So if the Chancellor does go beyond the strict prudence business wants to see from the Budget, business leaders may regret it — but they know that it might improve the Conservatives' re-election prospects, which they would welcome, or, at the very least, it might allow business to reap some benefit if the political wind changes.

BUSINESS CONFIDENCE

Percentage balance of companies

1990	Q1	-29	Q2	-22	Q3	-27	Q4	-47
1991	Q1	-51	Q2	-17	Q3	-26	Q4	2
1992	Q1	-24	Q2	8	Q3	-9	Q4	-23
1993	Q1	11	Q2	31	Q3	11	Q4	1
1994	Q1	27	Q2	13	Q3	11	Q4	16
1995	Q1	17	Q2	13	Q3	-3	Q4	-11
1996	Q1	-6	Q2	-3	Q3	8		

Source: CBI

JANET BUSH

Straws in the electoral wind

The apparent slump in Labour's opinion poll lead reported in the weekend press has jolted conventional wisdom. Although the Prime Minister's shirt-sleeved, Honest John appeal to the electorate went down well in Bournemouth, few guessed that it would go very far in counteracting the latest dollop of sleaze and *the threat from the Referendum Party.*

And yet the latest NOP survey showed Labour's lead down from 23 points a fortnight ago to 14 points, the lowest reported by this particular survey of voter intentions for three years. The 23-point lead came in the NOP poll on October 3, just after Tony Blair's widely praised speech in Blackpool and before a Conservative conference that turned out to be surprisingly trouble-free. Taking out this poll, all other recent adjusted polls have given Labour a lead of between 14 points and 19 points.

Still, there does appear to have been a small, but genuine, improvement in the Government's poll position. The NOP reading may be the first sign that an improving economy is finally translating into greater popularity. If so, Kenneth Clarke stands vindicated. He has persistently argued that a return of consumer confidence will prove the Government's best electoral friend. And he has counselled, never more strongly than in Bournemouth, against cosmetic tax cuts.

The business of interpreting opinion polls is hazardous but research suggests that the Chancellor is pursuing the best strategy. Only today, Simon Price of Oxford Economic Forecasting, writes that the public's perception of a party's economic competence matters greatly in determining popularity but also that there is no mileage for "extremely unpopular" governments in throwing away what vestiges of economic competence they have purely to win an election. "The damage is too large to undo," he says. "So they may as well act responsibly."

The Government has long experienced a disheartening disjuncture between the performance of the economy and its standing in opinion polls but there has been good reason for this. According to David Sanders, professor of government at Essex University, the Conservative reputation for economic competence, which had never faltered since 1979, was shattered by the ERM crisis of 1992.

The overnight destruction of the main plank of the *Government's economic policy* only compounded the distrust already engendered by ministerial claims of recovery long *before it could* be felt, and the U-turn on tax. It has since been extraordinarily difficult for the Government to recover its reputation as economic manager but Mr Clarke's sensible and gimmick-free stewardship may now be starting to help.

Along with the ERM effect, another theory explaining the breakdown of the link between Conservatism and economic confidence, put forward by Mike Dicks of Lehman Brothers, is negative equity. The Government's standing ought to improve on both counts. The number of households blighted by negative equity has dropped below 500,000 for the first time since 1990, according to the Woolwich Building Society.

And the ERM effect may have faded finally from people's perceptions. Mr Dicks believes the effect of major political events, which seem to have caused permanent shifts in the political parties' standings, probably fades over time. So the hugely positive effect of Tony Blair's assumption of the Labour leadership may be waning but so, too, is the ERM negative for the Government.

None of the above should send punters running to their local betting shops to put money on a Conservative victory next spring. For one thing, if economic management is the issue it is difficult to find any water, blue or red, between Mr Clarke and Gordon Brown. For another, although the economy is important, it is not the only reason why *people* vote the way they do. A liking for Tony Blair's new society rhetoric, a dislike for sleaze, a simple desire for change all count in the electoral balance.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Fresh perspective on fat-cat rewards

From Mr Denis Harvey-Kelly.

Sir, It is time the fat cats of industry were put in proper perspective. Anyone who makes money for their shareholders should be properly rewarded.

It is the measurement that needs looking at more closely. The share price is a very poor yardstick. In any case share options create share dilution.

Might I suggest that an executive's incentive should not exceed any increase in the dividend to shareholders, and that any increase that reduces the cover of the dividend should not be counted. The only loophole left is the "jiggling" of the accounts. This is something that the auditors should be made accountable for.

No method is entirely satisfactory, but at least something on these lines ensures that no executive on an incentive can take out more from the company in which he works than his shareholders.

Yours faithfully,
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The system leads to poor non-executive directors

From Mr Clive Halton

Sir, The recent commentary *on seemingly excessive pay* arrangements and termination settlements can, in my view, often be placed at the door of the appointment system for non-executive directors.

A worrying trend is the large number of executive directors who are being appointed as non-executive directors of large corporations.

The reason that is often given is that current experience "in the kitchen" is of better value to a board than independence and objectivity. The often-quoted disadvan*tages of such an appointment* are those of self-interest and the setting of pay contracts by their own kind. I have, from my own professional experiences, an equally important disadvantage.

Today's non-executive appointment demands at least three days per month of time in a large company, and this cannot only be comprised of *the hours reading papers* at a weekend. How can busy executive directors of leading plcs devote such time and attention when they should be acting full time in the interests of their own business and shareholders?

Today's business complexity and international demands do not permit a top executive these additional commitments. So we end up with too much conflict of interest, a lack of independence and objectivity and a confused time commitment.

Yours faithfully,
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Bribery by officials treated as corruption

From Mr Paul Vevers

Sir, Jason Nissé's article under the headline "Bribe-seeking officials escape prosecution" (*The Times*, October 14) gives the impression that the Audit Commission regards attempts by government officials to pressurise people into paying bribes as maladministration rather than corruption.

This is not the case. He was quoting from a letter from Derek Purdy, an Audit Commission official, about the lack of evidence in an individual case.

Our general position is clear: when officials exact bribes, that is corruption — whether bribes are actually paid or not. We condemn all corruption and auditors will act appropriately in pursuing it.

Yours faithfully,
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Scepticism over Gas computer

From David H. Walton

Sir, So British Gas have a record of the phone calls they receive, and this is carefully logged on their computer. Is this the famous computer they use to prepare their bills?

Yours faithfully,
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Why Tottenham shares sagged

From Mr John Godfrey

Sir, Tempus (October 11) seems surprised that Tottenham Hotspur's share price is depressed. Perhaps he doesn't realise that financial success relies upon more than avoiding relegation. TV revenues are dependent to a large degree on the success of the team; and the biggest windfalls come to those who do well in European competitions. These, though, are only open to teams that win trophies or achieve high league placings. At present, Tottenham looks unlikely to meet these criteria.

Much has been said about the chairman's reluctance to invest in the football team, but we should not be surprised by this. He has done very nicely by avoiding competition with the "top end" of the market — a strategy that has worked so well for his other vehicle — Amstrad.

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Ageism fears abound at both ends of spectrum

By Christine Buckley
Industrial Correspondent

OLDER workers and those at the start of their careers should be protected by legislation to outlaw age discrimination, according to a nationwide survey of employees.

In what is claimed to be the first comprehensive look into the views of workers as opposed to bosses, an overwhelming majority — more than 92 per cent — said it was ability rather than age which counted in the workplace. Nearly 80 per cent said that there should be laws to protect workers from age predjudice, although 30 per cent were pessimistic that such laws would be effective. More than three quarters of those questioned said age limits should be banned from job advertisements.

The survey by Austin Knight, the recruitment and communication consultancy, and The Employers Forum on Age spoke to workers from employers including Allied Distillers, the Bank of England, Marks & Spencer, Nationwide Building Society and a selection of county councils.

Research by Austin Knight earlier this year into employment opportunities revealed a high proportion of workers claiming they had been the victims of age discrimination. The survey published today also finds substantial numbers of people claiming age prejudice at both ends of the age spectrum. More than half said they had been thought of as too young.

Generally, older workers were found to be more open to change and more willing to learn new skills than the perception held by some employers and colleagues. The study found that older people do not take more time off work than their younger counterparts, although those who think they do are most likely to be young employees. Similarly it was indicated that managing older staff can be seen as problematic for younger staff.

Anne Riley, chief executive of Austin Knight, said the extent of age discrimination at work has been largely underestimated because workers are reluctant to complain. One in six employees who had experienced ageism had moved from that company, about two thirds took no action and about a sixth made an informal complaint. Ms Riley said: "It appears that there is a quiet-life mentality present in many workers that has kept hidden the depth and extent of age discrimination."

Ruth Jarratt, development director of the Employers Forum on Age, said the study should make employers review their attitude to age. She said: "One of the most striking points that emerges from this survey is the strong belief that people should be recruited on merit alone, and yet it is obvious that the workplace abounds in misconceptions about both young and older people's abilities."

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Return to profit fails to shake doubts over IBM's recovery

From Richard Thomson in New York

IBM, the computer group, reported better than expected profits for the third quarter of this year after a hefty loss at the same time last year, but Wall Street remains cautious about the company's long-term recovery.

IBM turned in profits of $1.3 billion, up from a $500 million loss in the third quarter of 1995. When the purchase of Lotus Notes, the networking software company, is stripped out of last year's figure, IBM's results were flat. However, this still compares favourably with the 22 per cent fall in profits during the second quarter. Although revenues in the US, Asia and Latin America increased 8 per cent to $18.1 billion, revenues from the troubled European operation did not rise.

"This was a very good quarter," said Louis Gerstner, chairman. Mr Gerstner has been working to turn the company around after huge losses two years ago threw a question mark over its future. He said one of the highlights had been sales of networking hardware and software, which has become a key part of IBM's recovery strategy.

IBM's results have become a major event on Wall Street. Twice this year they have caused major stock market moves. In April the company's chief financial officer, Richard Thoman, gave a pessimistic trading forecast which sent IBM shares tumbling and caused a collapse in the computer sector. This, in turn, triggered a decline across the whole market during the summer. In July, however, he gave an upbeat forecast which pushed up IBM shares dramatically and helped a stock market recovery.

Doubts persist over the solidity of IBM's recovery because its recent good performance has been based on heavy sales of a new generation of mainframe computers and large computer operating contracts.

However, many analysts doubt that mainframes will continue to sell well as businesses turn to the Internet and internal networking systems. Major customers, such as Ford, the car manufacturer, are ending their reliance on mainframes and are switching to more flexible systems. Meanwhile, IBM is only breaking even in its personal computer business.

The group's shares rose by nearly $3 yesterday to $132.5, its highest level for five years and more than three times the low of $40 in 1992. Mr Gerstner has engineered the recovery by cutting costs, cutting the workforce by tens of thousands and introducing the new range of mainframe computers.

The group is in no immediate financial trouble because its cashflow, even after its large capital spending, is a healthy $9 billion a year. Nevertheless, the shares remain extremely volatile because of investor concern that Mr Gerstner's strategy may not be enough to cope with rapid changes in the computer industry.

Louis Gerstner has cut costs and jobs and introduced the new mainframe computers

Benchmark index as aid for small businesses

By Our Industrial Correspondent

SMALL BUSINESSES were urged yesterday to sharpen their performances by comparing themselves with each other through a nationwide network set up by the Department of Trade and Industry.

Richard Page, Minister for Small Business, launched the UK Benchmarking Index designed for small companies as "a simple computer-based system that, through a series of questions, will allow a huge range of different types of small firm to compare performance in key areas like finance, management and operations, with other companies in their sector or region."

With more than 90 per cent of companies comprising 20 employees or fewer, Mr Page said: "These small operations need to be just as skilled at finance, marketing, innovation, production and management as big multinationals."

The DTI believes that with the use of the index small companies will be able to work more effectively with Business Links, the support scheme for business. The benchmarking scheme has been designed in conjunction with Business Links and the training and enterprise councils (Tecs).

Mr Page said: "Trade associations also have an important role to play. As well as being a strong national voice for their members they can work with them to improve the competitiveness of their sector. Benchmarking can provide a good starting point for such activities."

New telecom licences imminent

By Our Industrial Correspondent

FIRST licences for new companies in the international telecoms market are planned for the end of this year, the Department of Trade and Industry said yesterday.

The DTI issued a new draft form of the licence for comments before the final version is awarded to companies who want to offer international services over their own facilities. The Government published a consultation paper on liberalising the provision of international services over a company's own facilities in March. Forty-six companies have applied for the international facilities licences.

Ian Taylor, Science and Technology Minister, said: "Competition will reduce prices for UK consumers, encourage more inward investment and boost our position as Europe's leading telecoms hub."

Mr Taylor said the Government wanted a regulatory regime that cuts costs to industry but allows Oftel, the regulator, to clamp down on anti-competitive operations.

Hillsdown to buy in rest of Strong

By Fraser Nelson

HILLSDOWN HOLDINGS, the foods conglomerate, has agreed to spend £4.3 million on buying the shares that it does not already own of Strong & Fisher, the USM-quoted animal by-products producer.

The deal will end Strong & Fisher's 28 years as an independently quoted company. It values the shares at 21p, compared with Friday's closing price of 12½p, and the firm at £36 million. Hillsdown has controlled the company since 1990, when it gained 70 per cent of its shares in a rescue package. Before yesterday's offer to buy from minority shareholders, Hillsdown had lifted its stake to 90.2 per cent. Strong & Fisher, which used to produce the offal-based cattle feed suspected of spreading "mad cow" disease, has seen mixed fortunes from the BSE crisis. The feed has been banned, but the leather divison has enjoyed a drop in raw material prices and its rendering division has benefited from heavy cull orders.

A sharp drop in overseas demand pushed the leather division into a loss in August. The situation has recovered and its pre-tax profits for 1996 are expected to be slightly above last year's £3.31 million.

Shares in Conrad suspended

SHARES in Conrad, the sports company that recently lost its bid for Leeds United FC, were suspended at a three-year high of 6¾p yesterday, as it prepared to announce a £12 million takeover offer for Sheffield United (Fraser Nelson writes).

Conrad is expected to confirm a reverse bid either today or tomorrow, ending months of City speculation.

It is understood to have been in discussion with three other football teams which approached the company after it lost to Caspian in last July's bid for Leeds United. Its shares are expected to start trading again next month.

NHL pays £44m for mortgage portfolio

By Caroline Merrell

NATIONAL Home Loans, the centralised lender, has bought a portfolio of mortgages from a UK bank for £44 million.

The price represents a discount on the assets of the mortgage book, which are believed to be in the region of £50 million. The interest rate on the 1,000 mortgages which comprise the loan portfolio is between 7 per cent and 11.5 per cent. Nick Keen, NHL finance director, said: "We will be reviewing the rates paid by all the borrowers. The rates will be set according to the particular circumstances."

He added that the book contained performing and non-performing loans. NHL has about 25,000 borrowers who pay between 6.5 per cent and 11.5 per cent interest on their mortgages. NHL has been strongly criticised for keeping the rates for its borrowers high in spite of the overall drop in interest rates.

Mr Keen said the centralised lender would continue to look out for mortgage books which represented value for money. "We are looking for small books at the right price," he said. The purchase is NHL's third since its restructuring and rights issue last year. NHL refused to identify the bank from which the portfolio had come.

Eurotunnel plans to make 650 redundant

EUROTUNNEL, the Channel tunnel operator, will today tell employees that 650 jobs must go. About 300 are likely to be lost in the UK, with the remainder in France (Christine Buckley writes).

The job cuts are part of an extensive clampdown on costs already announced as the group, which is in talks to restructure its £9.1 billion bank debt, tries to move into profit. The company has previously announced the closure of offices in London and Paris to concentrate operations in Folkstone and Calais. Details of the cuts will be announced in separate meetings with the UK and French company works councils by Georges-Christian Chazot, Eurotunnel's operational managing director. The cuts are expected to be implemented over the next year to 14 months and will largely affect short-term contract workers and consultants. But it is likely that full-time Eurotunnel staff will also be affected. The company said yesterday it would try to avoid compulsory redundancies.

Eurotunnel plans to hold an extraordinary shareholders meeting by April next year to approve the restructuring, which will be backed by the audited accounts for 1996. Its bankers are considering a debt-for-equity swap. Cash generation from operations is said by the company to be crucial to its future under the restructuring.

Last week it reworked its operations to separate Le Shuttle and Railway Services as two businesses, concentrating respectively on the road and rail users of the Channel Tunnel.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Barclays confirms talks with Morgan

BARCLAYS BANK yesterday confirmed that it is in discussions with Morgan Stanley, the US investment bank, regarding possible cooperation in the field of global custody. Barclays said a further announcement would be made "at a later date." It is believed Barclays may sell its global custody business, which handles up to £200 billion worth of funds, to Morgan Stanley. The acquisition would make Morgan Stanley one of the largest custodians in the world, in a business that is rapidly consolidating.

Global custody has expanded from safekeeping of shares and bonds to include investment accounting, performance measurement and securities lending. The sector suffers from thin operating margins and high compliance costs and requires significant expenditure on new technology. Martin Taylor, Barclays chief executive, is reported to have decided it should no longer form part of the core business.

Weir power play

WEIR GROUP, the engineering company based in Scotland, has won orders worth more than £10 million to supply specialist pumping equipment to the power generation industry in the Pacific Rim. Three of the four contracts were placed by power contractors based in America, Japan and Germany. Under the terms of the deals, Weir will manufacture a range of equipment for various applications, including boiler feed, condensate extraction and auxiliary feed for power plants in South Korea, China and Thailand.

Angerstein eyes Coffey

ANGERSTEIN Underwriting Trust, the Lloyd's of London agency, is considering the acquisition of P B Coffey, managing agent for Lloyd's Marine Syndicate 902, it was announced yesterday. The Coffey syndicate, established in 1976, has an unbroken record of profits, and the average return over the last five years has been 10.91 per cent. The syndicate has underwriting capacity of £37.5 million for the 1996 account and writes a broad spread of marine business, with strong interests in cargo, hull, liabilities and excess of loss.

Vodafone landmark

VODAFONE, the mobile phone network operator, has signed the millionth subscriber to its digital network. Chris Gent, currently Vodafone's managing director and chief executive designate, said the company had extended the lead over its nearest rival to 300,000 subscribers by the end of September, from a lead of just 17,000 in January. Vodafone had a total subscriber base of more than 2.65 million, which included more than 1.6 million on its analogue network.

Langdons buys rival

LANGDONS FOODS, the coffee and tea merchant, has acquired Café D'Or, a rival London coffee roaster, for £328,000. Langdons proposes to close the company's operations at Bow, east London, and move production to its own headquarters in Woolwich. Café D'Or supplies 300 independent delicatessens, mostly in the South East. Yesterday Langdons reported a rise in pre-tax profits to £76,000 from £37,000 in the half-year to June. Earnings were 0.06p a share (0.04p). A maiden dividend of 0.04p is proposed.

Premier bid rejected

PREMIER OIL, the UK energy company, has had its A$100 million (about £50 million) takeover bid for Australia's Discovery Petroleum rejected by the Discovery board. Charles Jamieson, chief executive of Premier Oil, said that Discovery had commissioned a third-party valuation of their company, which came up with a value of between 77 cents and 95 cents per share, compared with Premier's offer of 70 cents. Mr Jamieson said Premier was now considering its options. Premier's offer remains open until November 11.

Brandon Hire hitch

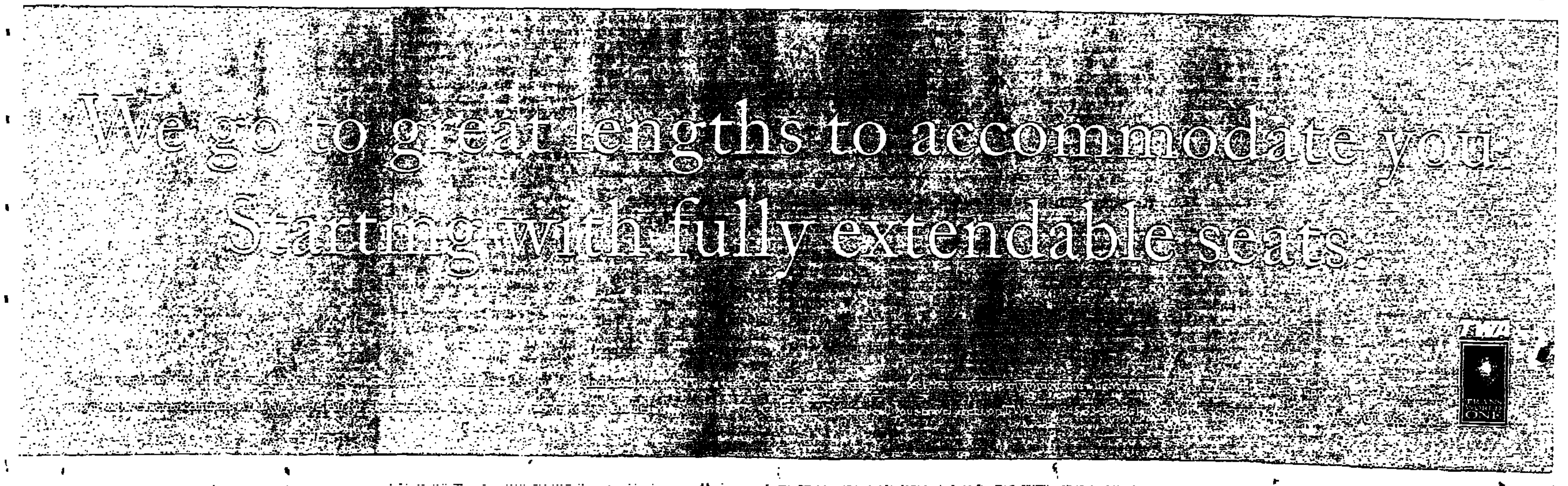
SHARES of Brandon Hire fell 23½p to 94p after the tool and catering equipment hire group warned investors that operating profits would not match earlier expectations. The warning coincided with the announcement of the sale of JSL Fasteners in a £2 million deal that will be used to reduce group borrowings. Brian Nathan, chairman of Brandon Hire, said margins in the tool hire division had not yet improved to the same level as the catering division. In addition, the company had incurred reorganisation costs of £350,000.

Arcon mine creates jobs

ARCON INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES is to create 125 jobs as it prepares for full production at its new lead and zinc mine. Arcon, based in Dublin, said most of the jobs at the mine in Galmoy, County Kilkenny, would be recruited locally from surrounding counties. Full production from Ireland's first zinc and lead mine in more than 20 years is due to start at the beginning of next year. Almost 45 per cent of Arcon is owned by Tony O'Reilly, chairman of the Heinz food group and Independent Newspapers, and his family.

SAS plans SAA alliance

SCANDINAVIAN Airlines System (SAS) plans to form an alliance with South African Airways (SAA) to gain a foothold on the African continent. SAS has existing strategic partnerships with Lufthansa, United Airlines, Thai Airways International and Air Canada. Deregulation has brought the Scandinavian carrier competition on short-haul European services and some domestic routes, notably from British Airways Express and Virgin Express. Last month, Virgin announced a code-sharing agreement with South Africa's Sun Air.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ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
151	105	Adwest	129		7.6	27.5
195	180	Anthony Sheane	201½		5.5	5.4
753½	473	Avon Rubber	705	1	3.2	17.2
101	57½	BTG	97½		4.2	15.1
363	270	Cosworth	270	½	3.2	11.0
19	15	Burntead	16½		7.6	
307	175	EHF	293		1.9	
620	411	First Tech	619		1.7	20.6
1186	778	GKN	1170	+16½	2.7	20.2
3800	2950	General Mtl	3287½		3.1	
629	497	Henlys	600	+3	2.7	15.7
1758½	1312½	Honda Motor	1525½	25½	0.5	
507	386	Laird	459	+½	3.4	13.8
475	425	Loakes	475		0.3	
260	172	LucasVarity	259	+5		
136½	91	Mayflower	124½		2.1	36.3
193	146	Siebe	166½	-2	4.3	13.0
187	124½	T & N	129		5.8	9.1
433	257½	Trinity Hldgs	277½	5	3.8	14.0

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1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
7600	3800	Ang Am Coal	4735½	-62½	2.9	
4990½	3440½	Ang Am	4031¼	+15½	1.5	
7387½	5137½	Ang Am Gold	5503½	-21½	2.2	
27½	13½	Anglo Pac Res.C	24			
37	23	Arcon Intl	33	-1		
1808½	950	Ashanti	950	-16½	2.5	12.6
121	80	Ashton	96½	+½	5.8	
595	225	Bateyschi	225	-7½		
698¼	455½	Beatrix	455½	+¼	4.0	
33	27½	Bracia	29		3.2	
148½	100½	Blyvoort	118¼			
35	26	Bougainville	30			
21¼	8¼	Bracken	9¼		7.0	
2¼	1	Buffer	1			
1142	879	CRA	977½	-12	3.1	21.7
320	93	Central Pacific	225½	+½		
210	115	Cons Murchison	127½		3.9	4.2
2268¼	1806½	De Beers	1993½		2.3	25.1
94½	51½	Deelkraal	54½			
1108½	700½	Driefontein	748½	+11½	2.7	41.6
748	635½	Durban	560½	+8		
191	124	E Rand Gold	125½		14.2	7.0
77¼	27½	E Rand Prop	27½			
102	62	Eastern Trans	72	-8	1.5	
471¾	317½	Elandsrandt	357½	+¼	2.3	43.3
360	180½	Eng China Clf	181		11.5	14.5
777½	489½	FS Const	564½	+¼	1.4	73.2
58	28½	FS Dev	44		2.2	
2543½	1712½	GFSA	1721½		1.8	40.6
282½	194	Gencor	226½	-1½	1.5	15.6
170	120	Gold Fields Prop	133½		6.2	10.8
17	11	Greenwich R 'A'	14½			8.8
264	140	Grootvlei	259½	-3½	1.9	59.8
179¼	103	Gretia Cons	160½	-2	0.6	22.9
887½	502½	Harmony	503	+¼		
260¼	151½	Hartles	157¼		8.8	
1500	746½	Impala Plat	753½	+9½	1.8	
118	75	Kidston	78¼	+1¼	15.7	6.9
993½	475	Kinross	475	-16½	2.3	
979½	508½	Kloof	531½	+¼	2.6	48.2
93½	65	Leslie	69½		5.9	
330½	186½	Loraine	196½			
48	15	Meekatharra	30			
120	71½	MIM	83½	+1½	3.0	
2025	1362½	Minorco	1362½		2.9	12.7
132	81½	Monarch	84			
180	145	Montagle	162		2.7	40.9
78	26	NSM	53½		3.5	
130	84½	Normandy	91¼	+2½	3.3	15.2
211	165	Nth Brkn Hill	192	+2	2.9	26.8
410	293	Petaling Tin	370		0.2	
155	71½	Placer Pac	91¼	+2¼	3.7	
625	473	RJB	563	-2	4.1	8.2
1080	867	RTZ	983½	+3½	3.4	18.6
64	48	Rockwood	56½		8.8	13.2
642	368½	Randfontein	369½	+¼	4.8	29.5
380	271½	Renison	271½	-3½	1.8	10.8
1478½	928½	Rustenburg	943½		3.7	19.6
48	33	St Barbara	38		4.0	9.0
597½	349½	St Helena	381½	+¼	4.3	19.2
500	350	Sons Gwalia	401	+1	3.1	22.9
120	35	Sthern Pacific	94½	+¼		
3040½	1721½	Southvaal	2375	+25	4.0	25.0
103½	48	Stilfontein	51			
306½	158½	Unisel	250		3.0	27.5
7406¼	4090½	Vaal Reefs	5131¼	-43½	3.0	33.9
17½	14½	Wankie Col Z	16		9.5	
2	1	Water Hall	1			
550	440	Wells Blain	440		4.3	14.8
3668½	1950	Western Deep	1971½	-6½	2.5	39.8

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SHORTS (under 5 years)

1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
103¼	100¾	Conv 10% 1996	100¾	..	9.97	5.78
101½	100¾	Treas 7% 1997	100¾		6.95	6.04
107½	100½	Treas 13¼% 1997	101¾		13.03	5.80
107¾	101½	Exch 10½% 1997	101½		10.34	5.79
107¾	102¾	Treas 8¾% 1997	102¾		8.56	8.09
114¾	102¾	Exch 15% 1997	108¾ †	-½	13.81	6.13
106¼	104¼	Exch 9¾% 1998	104¼	-¼	9.37	6.31
109¾	100½	Treas 7¼% 1998	101¼		7.16	6.36
104½	99¾	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100		6.75	5.56
116¾	110¼	Treas 14% 1998-01	110¾	-¾	12.64	6.47
122¾	116½	Treas 15½% 1998	116¾		13.35	6.54
114¾	110¾	Exch 12% 1998	110¾		10.88	6.61
108¾	105¾	Treas 9½% 1999	105½		8.97	6.64
116¾	110¾	Exch 12¼% 1999	112¾	-½	10.91	6.71
112¾	108¾	Treas 10½% 1999	108¾	½	9.65	6.73
99¼	96	Treas 6% 1999	98¼	½	6.10	6.65
112¾	108¾	Conv 10¼% 1999	108¾	-½	9.38	6.84
108¾	104¾	Conv 9% 2000	106¼	-½	8.46	6.86
105¼	101¾	Treas 8% 2000	103¾	-¼	7.72	6.96
124¾	119¾	Treas 13% 2000	119¾	-½	10.88	6.97
114	109¾	Treas 10% 2001	110¾		9.03	7.07

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101½	96½	Treas 7% 2001	99¾		7.03	7.12
114¾	108¾	Treas 9¾% 2002	111¾	-½	8.73	7.27
105¾	99¾	Treas 8% 2003	103¾		7.70	7.27
117¾	39	Treas 10% 2003	114½	-½	8.76	7.34
121¾	114¾	Treas 11½% 2001-04	116¾	-½	9.90	7.18
84¾	78¾	Fund 3½% 1999-04	83¾	+¼	4.19	6.33
114¾	107¾	Conv 9½% 2004	112 †	-½	8.48	7.46
97¾	91¾	Treas 6¾% 2004	95¾	-½	7.05	7.46
108¾	101¼	Treas 8½% 2005	106¼	-½	8.00	7.54
114¾	108¾	Conv 9½% 2005	112¾	-½	8.47	7.54
131½	123¾	Treas 12½% 2003-05	127¾	-½	9.78	7.39
101¾	94¾	Treas 7½% 2006	99¾	-½	7.54	7.59
103¼	96¾	Treas 7¾% 2006	100¾	-½	7.68	7.63
104¾	97½	Treas 8% 2002-06	102½	-½	7.80	7.50
125¾	118¾	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	121¾		9.67	7.39
108¾	101¾	Treas 8½% 2007	105¾	-½	8.01	7.66
112¾	103¾	Treas 9% 2008	109¾	-½	8.18	7.71
104½	96¾	Treas 8% 2009	102¾	-½	7.82	7.77

LONGS (over 15 years)

1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
88¾	81½	Treas 6¼% 2010	86½	-½	7.24	7.86
112¾	104½	Conv 9% 2011	109¼	-½	8.19	7.85
117¾	104¾	Treas 9% 2012	109¾	-½	8.19	7.88
82¼	75¼	Treas 5½% 2008-12	80¾	-½	6.84	7.68
103¾	94¾	Treas 8% 2013	100¾	-½	7.95	7.93
101¾	93¾	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	98¾	-½	7.87	7.94
103¾	95¾	Treas 8% 2015	100¾	-½	7.95	7.93
111¼	102¾	Treas 8¾% 2017	107¾	-½	8.13	7.98
141½	130¾	Exch 12% 2013-17	137½	-½	8.74	7.96
103½	95¾	Tr 8% 2021	100¾	-½	7.95	7.94

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1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
45½	41¼	War Ln 3½%	43¼	-¼	8.00	
32¾	29¼	Treas 2½%	30¾	+½	8.07	
50¾	46½	Consols 4%	49½	+¾	8.10	

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1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	10%	5%
114¾	111¾	Treas IL 4¾% 1998	114 †	..	0.40	2.28
185¾	176¼	Treas IL 2½% 2001	185	-¼	2.58	3.18
181½	171¾	Treas IL 2½% 2003	180¾		2.85	3.30
118¾	112¾	Treas IL 4¾% 2004	118½ †	+½	2.94	3.34
191½	179¾	Treas IL 2% 2006	189¾	+¼	3.12	3.43
172	161¾	Treas IL 2½% 2009	170½	+¼	3.24	3.50
177¾	166¾	Treas IL 2½% 2011	176¾	+¼	3.32	3.54
146¾	138¾	Treas IL 2½% 2013	144¾	+¼	3.38	3.58
155¾	145¾	Treas IL 2½% 2016	154¾	+½	3.44	3.62
149¾	138¾	Treas IL 2½% 2020	147¾	+½	3.49	3.65
124¾	115¾	Treas IL 2½% 2024	122¾	+½	3.49	3.63
122¾	113¾	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	120¾	+½	3.49	3.64

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
01895 259 783				
Grofund Amer	231.70	245.20	+ 0.80	0.13
Grofund Equity	289.90	308.20	+ 0.30	1.77
Grofund Euro	271.90	287.70	- 0.50	0.56
Grofund Expt Bal	134.90	139.80		2.52
Grofund Gilt	76.17	78.69	- 0.09	6.34
Grofund Japan	162.90	172.30	- 2.50	
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
01203 553 231				
General Acc	689.80	733.90†	- 0.30	2.37
General Inc	575.80	612.60†	- 0.20	2.37
UK Growth Acc	474.30	504.50†	+ 0.60	2.52
UK Growth Inc	308.90	328.50†	+ 0.30	2.52
Higher Inc Acc	816.30	868.50†	- 1.50	4.00
Higher Inc Inc	434.80	462.60†	- 0.90	4.00
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	213.30	225.20†	- 0.60	5.62
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	93.37	98.62†	- 0.36	5.62
Nth America	382.50	407.00†	- 1.70	.
Europe	363.80	387.10†	- 1.00	0.46
Brit Excell	93.53	99.50	- 0.03	2.64
Brit Fndmtls Acc	116.50	124.00†	- 0.20	4.52
Brit Fndmtls Inc	77.89	82.87†	- 0.15	4.52
Global Opps	104.30	111.00	- 0.70	
Balanced Acc	64.38	68.49†	- 0.18	2.59
Balanced Inc	60.05	63.89†	- 0.17	2.59
Japan Acc	43.98	46.77†	- 0.78	..
Pac Basin Acc	402.50	428.20†	- 1.30	0.98
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
Gilt & Fixed Int	131.80	139.80†	- 0.40	6.98
High Inc Equity	184.50	197.30†	- 0.20	4.37
Worldwide Bond	280.30	297.20	- 0.80	4.95
American Growth	394.90	422.10	+ 0.90	0.30
Asian Pacific	325.50	348.10	- 1.10	0.04
Assets & Earnings	315.20	337.10	+ 0.50	2.68
Euro Capital Acc	189.40	202.60	- 0.50	0.78
Extra Inc	43.60	46.38†	+ 0.04	7.73
General	289.40	307.90	+ 0.90	2.65
Global Opps	69.99	74.46	- 0.10	0.54
Japan	112.30	120.10	- 1.90	
Managed Inc	48.46	51.55†	- 0.05	4.66
Mastertrust	171.30	183.20	- 0.40	1.00
US Emerging Cos	216.60	230.40	- 0.70	.
Ethical	82.65	87.93	+ 0.04	2.42
International	139.00	147.90	- 0.40	0.29
Dividend & Growth	69.15	73.56	- 0.03	4.17
Global Gwth & Sec	73.56	78.61	+ 0.07	2.30
Latin America	66.84	71.11	+ 0.27	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	103.71	110.65		
American Portfolio	126.68	134.55		
European Portfolio	138.08	148.87†		
High Income	52.64	55.78		
Japanese Portfolio	66.35	70.32		
Pacific Portfolio	158.78	170.74		
UK Equity	98.55	105.43†		
UK Equity & Bd	59.00	62.58		
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	786.29	798.17		
Fxd In Sec	158.02	158.66		
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	774.16	785.86		
Investment Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]		
Fixed Int Inc	127.36	127.78		
Fixed Int Acc	231.90	232.82		
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	90.04	94.90†		
Beck Bio-Tech	45.38	48.02		
Acorn Ethical Tst	193.31	202.99		
City Fin Assets	84.56	88.80†		
City Fin Intl	93.76	98.46†		
Friars Hse Cap	326.60	347.45		
Buckley Wrld Gth	141.48	149.97†		
J Std Inc/Gth Inc	56.37	59.19		
Shaw Utilities	55.06	56.19		
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	56.14	59.56		
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0345 772 333				
American Gwth	81.99	87.22		
Dragon Growth	72.32	77.34		
Equity High Inc	90.88	97.35		
-do- Accum	131.54	140.91		
Extra Income Inc	26.51	27.91†		
Extra Income Acc	29.17	30.72		

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 690446				
Sector Value Inc #	105.80	111.78†	+ 0.10	3.71
Sector Value Gwth	107.90	113.90†	+ 0.20	2.10
Hy 5 Europe	100.80	105.70	- 0.10	2.78
Slater Gwth	177.30	187.10†	+ 1.40	0.61
New Japan	.	100.00	.	0.01
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	214.90	228.60	+ 0.90	
Income #	217.24	231.10	- 0.07	4.20
UK Growth	86.40	91.91	- 0.04	1.86
Intl Growth	88.88	94.55	- 0.17	0.45

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Intl Equity Growth	87.80	93.65	- 0.42	0.72
N Amer Growth	141.76	150.67†	+ 0.16	0.75
Special Sits Growth	28.49	30.30†	+ 0.04	1.87
UK Growth	472.07	502.20†	+ 0.70	2.48
-do- Accum	651.92	693.53	+ 0.96	2.48
M W JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1492.60	1515.00	.	2.90
Income #	1042.50	1059.00	.	4.40
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	168.70	170.70†	.	3.55

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Ecology	103.58	110.20†	- 0.11	0.87
European	206.52	219.70	+ 0.08	0.56
Far Eastern	307.50	327.30	- 2.50	..
UK Special Sits	52.82	56.34†		.
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	101.50	104.90†	- 0.10	7.09
Gilt Yield	119.30	125.80†	- 0.20	6.84
Global Income	237.40	252.60	- 0.60	3.53
High Yield	155.00	164.90†	- 0.20	5.63
-do- Accum	513.60	546.40†	- 0.60	5.63
Smllr Cos Div	63.19	67.22	+ 0.04	3.29
Capital Growth Trusts				

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0800 363432				
M & S Inv Ptfolio	182.30	187.80	- 0.10	2.49
-do- Accum	216.30	223.00	- 0.20	2.49
UK Sel Ptfolio	182.30	187.30	.	2.46
-do- Accum	195.60	201.70	..	2.46
UK 100 Cos	119.60	119.60†	..	2.81
-do- Accum	121.80	121.80†	.	2.81
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01284 354 842				
Managed Tst	74.47	79.23†	.	3.57
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4848				
Intl Income	84.61	89.02†	+ 0.15	3.49
European	107.40	114.00	+ 0.30	0.61

THE MEDWAY TOWNS

FOCUS

Della Mason introduces a three-page report on the Medway Towns' recovery

Kent revival onstream

About half a million people who live or work in the Medway Towns, Kent, have good reason to celebrate as the whole area — the towns of Rochester, Gillingham, Chatham, Rainham and Strood — sees the biggest boost of commercial investment in their lifetime.

New roads and a new tunnel — together with a £180 million project — plus state-of-the-art offices, a university and a £160 million housing development on St Mary's Island, are complete or under way. They have created a feeling of optimism in this area astride the River Medway, home to one sixth of the population of Kent.

Just one hour from London, this commuter belt has felt the chilly blast of recession more fiercely than most parts of Britain. It was triggered by the closure of Chatham Royal Naval Dockyard in 1984, the biggest single employer of skilled workers in the area, with the loss of 7,000 jobs. The knock-on effect was immense. Unemployment reached 12 per cent at its height in January 1993.

Recovery is now evident throughout the area. This year the Princess Royal opened the new £80 million Medway Tunnel, a dual carriageway under the Medway. The £100 million Medway Towns Northern Relief Road, which links into the tunnel and directly onto the M2, providing speedy access to the M25, London, the Channel Tunnel and the Continent, will be completed in early 1999. Travel time to the motorway will drop from one hour to 10 minutes.

English Partnerships, the Government's urban regeneration agency, Thamesport container terminal and Rochester upon Medway City Council financed a £21 million loan to get the project started. The Rochester Bridge Trust and English Partnerships staked part of the investment for the new tunnel, and the Government has now matched the offer and given its financial commitment to the schemes, including repayment of the loan. As a result Kent County Council has become the provider of one of the largest transport projects in the UK.

About 4,000 businesses are located in the area, ranging from avionics at Rochester to financial company headquarters in Chatham and foreign investment in manufacturing in Gillingham.

Business parks in the Medway Towns include the Gillingham Business Park which has won awards for its design and upkeep.

The Medway City Estate, at one end of the new Medway Tunnel, has unique waterside facilities and 2,000 employees on site. It is ripe for expansion.

The former Chatham dockyard covered 550 acres of prime land. On closure the Government divided it into three, the first being 80 acres of dockyard history and buildings, now the Historic Dockyard. The next 350 acres was scheduled for redevelopment by English Partnerships. Its remit was to prepare the site for redevelopment by providing and marketing opportunities for companies to build new homes, offices, a marina, shops and leisure buildings, all within a masterplan.

The third area, the waterside and docks at Chatham, was acquired by Medway Ports, which became part of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Company, Liverpool, in October 1993.

Twelve years after the dockyard closure, regeneration is taking shape.

Stephen Pritchard of BBP Associates, managing the Chatham Maritime project for English Partnerships, says: "We are delighted that the results are beginning to be seen and appreciated.

"We are regenerating a huge area. When companies look at this now for the first time they are singing a far different tune from seven years ago."

Today's unemployment figures stand at 7.9 per cent and continue to fall as business moves back into the area.

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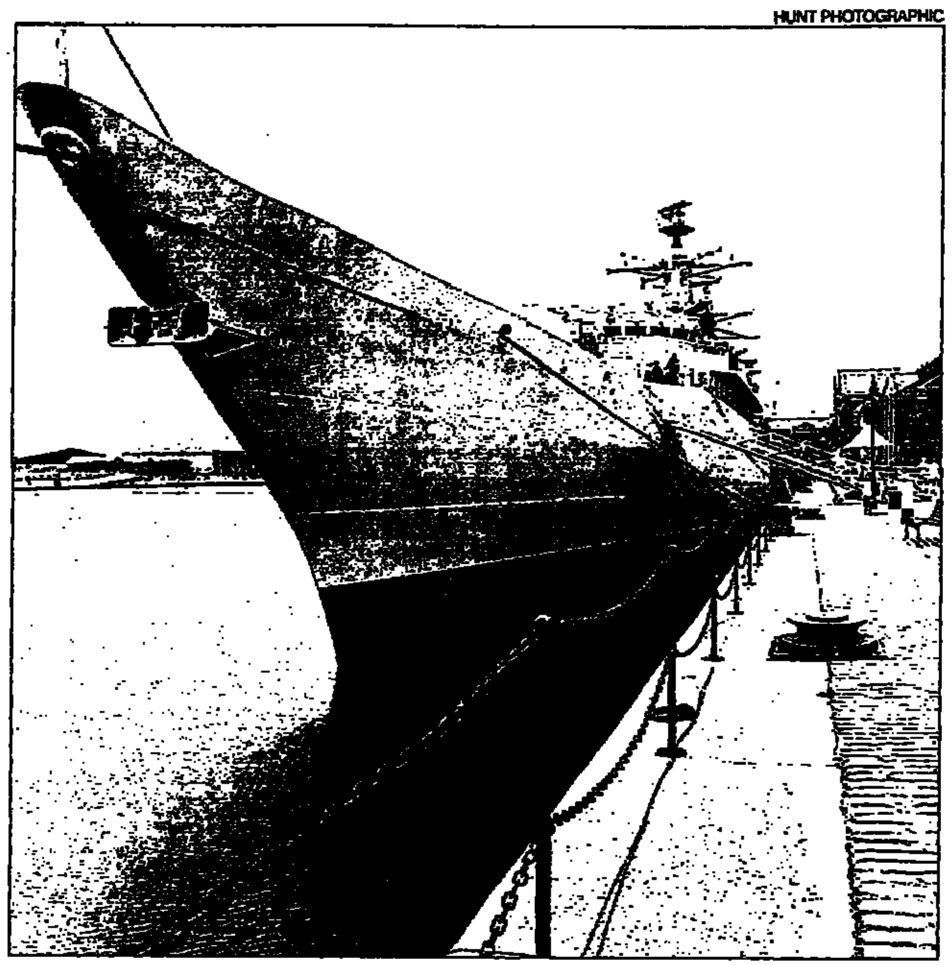

HMS Chatham **moored at Chatham Maritime, on the site of the navy dockyards**

Island offers life on the river

ST MARY'S ISLAND, Chatham Maritime, a joint venture by English Partnerships and Countryside Properties, is designed to create a complete "island community" on 150 acres.

The first phase of building is almost complete on what were mudflats in the River Medway, once part of the Chatham Royal Naval base. There are single apartments, two and three-bedroom houses, and three and four-bedroom detached houses.

Demand for property on the island, which is lapped by the tides of the Medway estuary and encircled by a riverside walk, has exceeded expectations. The first phase of 47 houses, priced from £44,950 to £79,950 and £180,000, attracted buyers quickly. This has brought forward the whole building programme of 201 properties.

Independent architects are being invited to submit plans for the island school, community hall, a small retail development and a doctor's surgery.

Part of the £160 million project will have riverside houses and overlook a marina. There are 50 acres of parkland in the centre of the island, and a security system.

The next stage to be planned will be a fishermen's village, with a traditional public house at the ancient jetty. Builders from abroad, including one Finnish company, are being invited to bring their own designs.

Richard Moore, the project manager, says: "People of all ages are viewing this development with great excitement. It is unique. Much thought and care is going into the scheme to make it a superb place to live and to enjoy the river."

The site manager, John Sutton, added: "It is an island where families will feel secure and able to relax." The island already has a new £80 million access tunnel.

DELLA MASON

JOHN MANNING

Chatham dockyard, once the cradle for the Fleet, now guards the Navy's treasures including a Victorian naval sloop

A fitting home for naval history

John Young explores the award-winning maritime museum based at Chatham's Royal Dockyard

The Ministry of Defence has been strongly criticised lately for its alleged insensitivity in disposing of properties that have become surplus to its needs. But its decision in 1984 to hand over the historic core of the great Royal Dockyard, Chatham, Kent, 80 acres of splendid and evocative buildings, many classed as ancient monuments, to a charitable trust to be conserved and managed as a museum, could only have been applauded.

It would have been a tragedy if it had done anything else. For not only is the dockyard at the heart of more than four centuries of naval history, but it also provides a superbly spacious site for the display of an ever-growing collection of maritime treasures which attracts more than 120,000 visitors a year and provides a home for nearly 100 businesses, which employ some 325 people.

In about 1570, the building of a mast pond, storehouses and a forge at Chatham placed it in the forefront of the great age of Elizabethan naval expansion. A decade later, the Queen held a reception for visiting foreign dignitaries, no doubt in order to impress upon them that, as a maritime power, Britain meant business.

Among Chatham's subsequent achievements were the launch of the *Revenge*, celebrated in Tennyson's poem; the "fighting" *Temeraire*, the subject of Turner's most famous painting; and *HMS Victory*, Nelson's flagship in 1865.

The "iron-clad" *Achilles*, then the world's largest ship, was launched in 1863. In wartime (boom) and peacetime (recession) the dockyard built everything from battleships to nuclear submarines, and from the first experimental catamaran to a pleasure yacht for the Tsar, Peter the Great.

When ships limped home from war, it repaired and relaunched them. Among them were the cruiser *HMS Ajax*, heroine of the Battle of the River Plate, and *HMS Kelly*, the destroyer made famous by her commander Lord Mountbatten.

The trust was initially funded by the Government in a one-off payment of £11.35 million, which has since been supplemented by grants from the Department of National Heritage, charitable donations, rents from commercial tenants and the conversion and sale of some Georgian buildings for residential use. In 1992, it received the British Tourist Authority's Come to Britain special award for outstanding enterprise.

One of the most publicised attractions of the museum is the Ropery, built to supply the needs of sailing ships which needed some 20 miles of rope for their rigging alone and lines long enough to anchor in 40 fathoms. Ropes are still produced by traditional methods for commercial use, and regular demonstrations are held in a building nearly a quarter of a mile long.

In the same category is the "sail and colour loft", where sails and flags are still produced on a commercial basis. Across the road is *HMS Gannet*, the last surviving Victorian naval sloop, now being restored for the Maritime Trust. Last May saw the opening of a collection of historic lifeboats, and *HMS Ocelot*, the last submarine built in Chatham, will shortly have a new home in the dockyard.

Perhaps the most enjoyable display is the Wooden Walls gallery in the former Mast House and Mould Loft describes the building of an 18th-century warship as if a young apprentice is telling the story. When funding is available, a parallel exhibition will be installed to describe the building of a later iron vessel when funds permit.

There is also a detailed model of *HMS Victory* which had been built in 1941 for a Hollywood film about Lady Hamilton. The model was donated by the United States Naval Training Centre in San Diego, California. In a way, it seems a pity that the real thing should be in Portsmouth.

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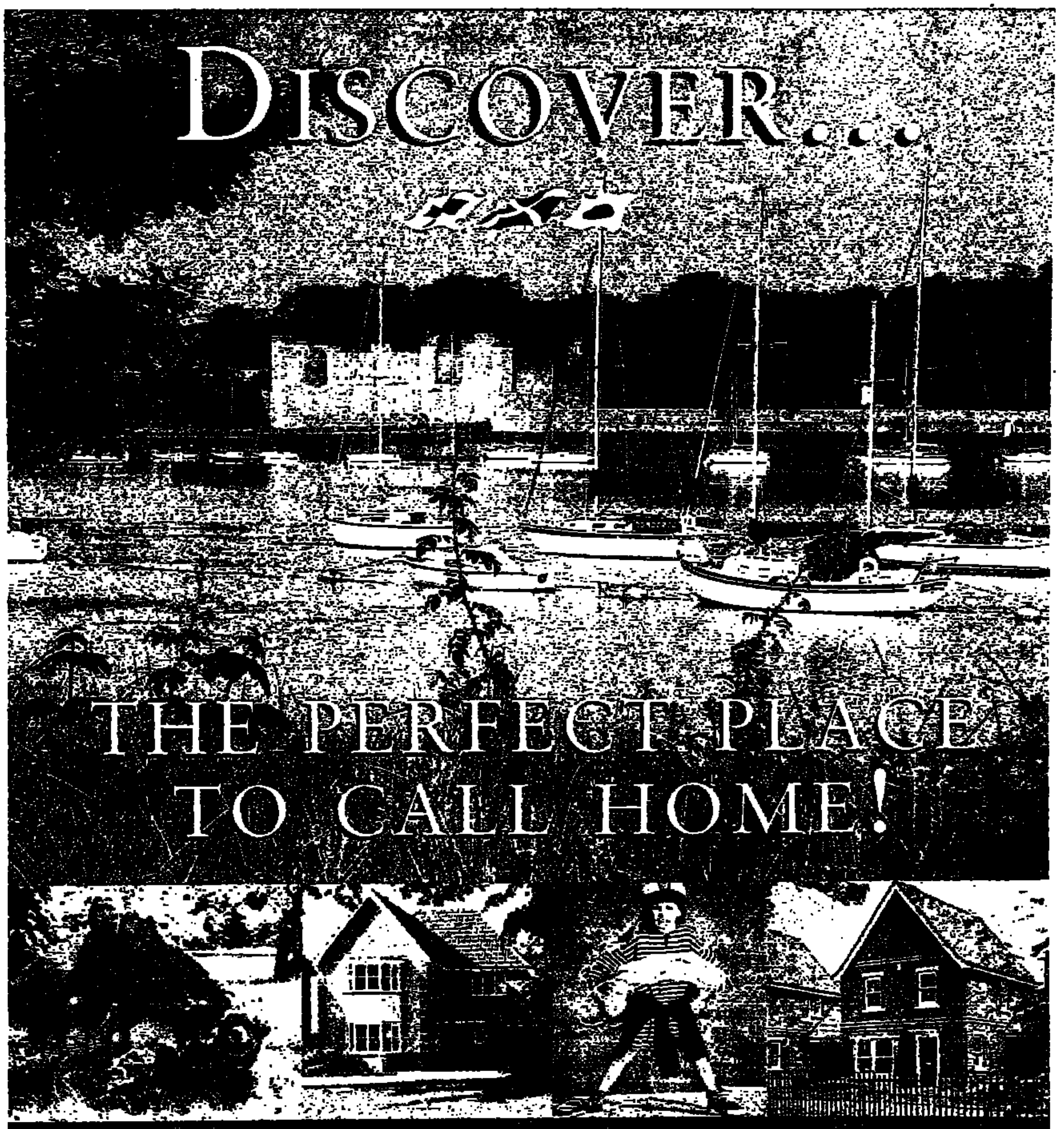

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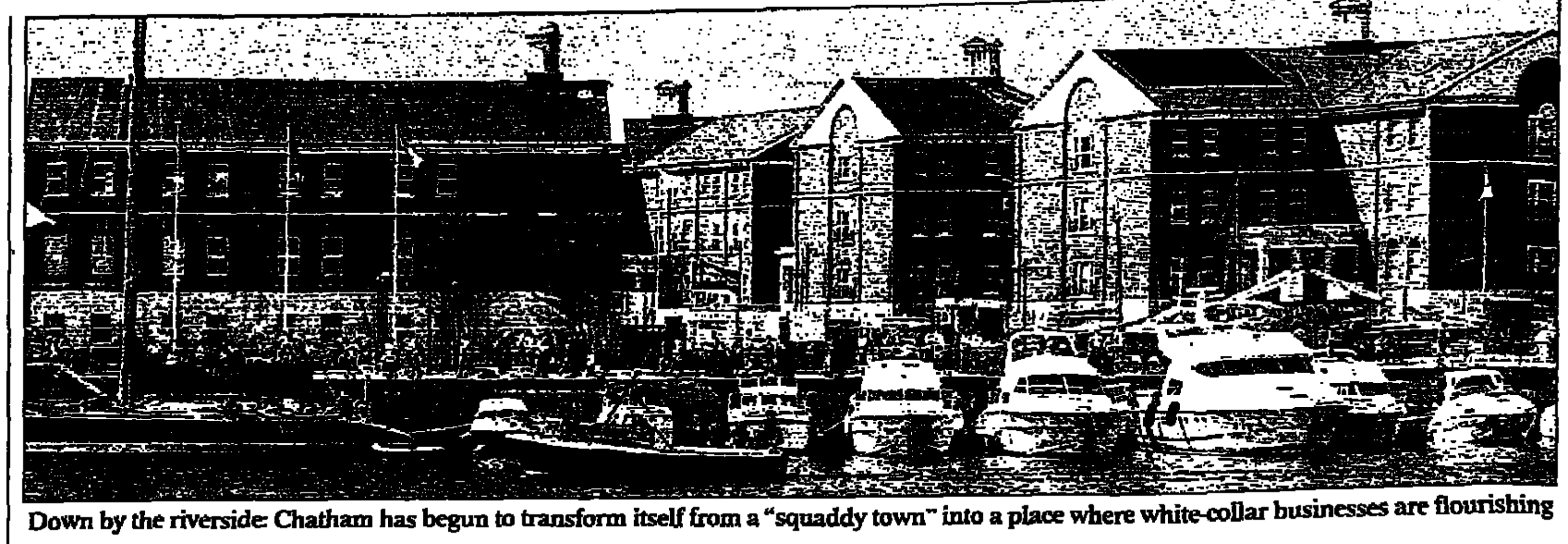


Down by the riverside: Chatham has begun to transform itself from a "squaddy town" into a place where white-collar businesses are flourishing

Chatham spreads it wings

What happened to the town when the great Royal Dockyard closed down? **John Young** reports

On March 30, 1984, after more than four centuries of building and servicing Britain's Navy, the great Royal Dockyard in Chatham closed its gates for the last time.

In an already economically depressed region — at least by the standards of southeast England — the loss of 7,000 jobs in the dockyard itself and hundreds more among the companies which supplied it might have proved catastrophic. In fact it spawned a diversification which has both revived the economy and transformed the environment.

Garrison towns are seldom places of beauty, and Chatham in its naval heyday was no exception. Across the river Rochester had its cathedral, its castle, its picturesque streets and Dickensian heritage, but Chatham was, in the words of John Day, chief executive of the Medway Chamber of Commerce and Industry, "a squaddy town", overwhelmingly dependent on the military — Army as well as Navy — with mostly shabby streets and little to encourage inward investment.

That so much has changed is a tribute both to the chamber and to the Medway Enterprise Agency which was established in the early 1980s. The early results were little short of spectacular: some 2,000 new firms set up in the area, and within months, all but some 1,500 former dockyard workers had found new jobs.

But the boom of the late 1980s did not last. By the end of decade recession had struck, and all too many of the brave new enterprises succumbed. Larger firms in the area, such as Metal Box and Wingates, survived mainly unscathed, but GEC Avionics, like the rest of the defence industry, was hit by the "peace dividend" and has since been forced to shed about half its 6,000-strong workforce.

Many small firms which folded were located on the Medway City Estate, a conventional industrial estate. A more imaginative and better planned approach has been adopted on the Gillingham industrial park, home mostly to companies with more money to invest. It has already won awards for landscaping and the emphasis placed on visual amenities.

Among the newcomers are three Japanese companies: a development attributed by David Neale, a board member of the chamber responsible for marketing, partly to the links formed by one Will Adams, a local man who was invited to Japan in the 1920s to advise on the modernisation of the Imperial Navy.

Equally important to the area's economic revival has been Chatham Maritime, established by English Estates, and now the responsibility of its successor English Partnerships, to redevelop and revitalise some 350 acres formerly occupied by the dockyard.

Among the mainly white-collar newcomers are Colonial Mutual, Amec Civil Engineering, Abbey National, Central Television, Sout Bank Systems, the Natural Resources Institute and Kent County Council. A new marina, with waterside hotels and restaurants, will enhance the amenities and residential developments will help to meet the shortage of "executive" housing.

Chatham has not lost its seagoing tradition. Chatham Docks, a new commercial port opened after the closure of the dockyard, is owned and operated by Medway Ports, a division of Mersey Docks and Harbour Company. It is home to about 20 shipping, transport and distribution companies, engaged notably in steel and timber products, and employs more than 200 people.

There are one or two clouds on an otherwise generally bright horizon. One is the huge new Bluewater out-of-town shopping development in nearby Dartford, which, it is feared, could damage local retailers. Another is the failure to derive more advantages from the Channel Tunnel rail link: it had been hoped that the line would run further north and that Medway, rather than Ashford, would be chosen as the main interchange station in Kent.

Another temporary grievance concerns the new road tunnel under the Medway. After years of pleading it has finally been built and opened, but for the moment it lacks the all-important access roads.

John Grigsby looks at the reluctant marriage of neighbours Rochester and Gillingham

Wedding wail from two cities

If there is a bureaucratic heaven, the marriage of the City of Rochester upon Medway with the borough of Gillingham was definitely not made there.

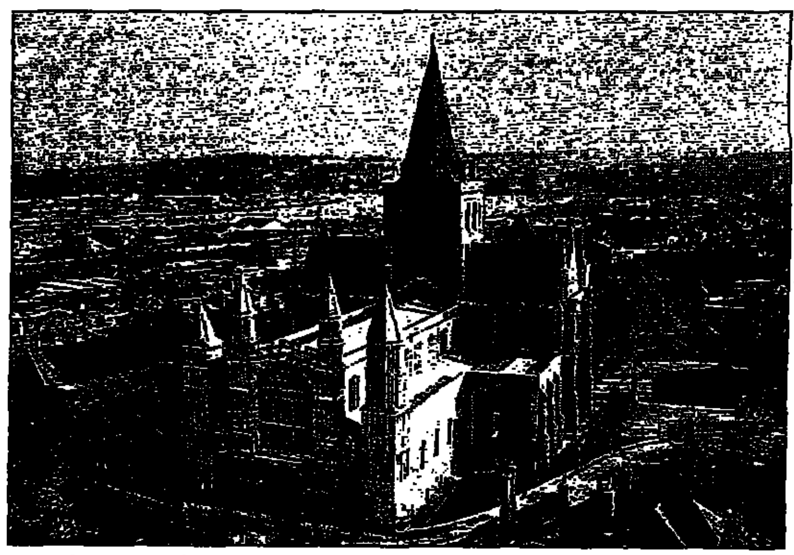
Gillingham is being dragged protesting to the altar, to merge with Rochester on April 1, 1998, following Parliament's approval in July of the order creating the new authority of 200,000 people. It will also form a new Medway county, carved out of Kent.

Despite their geographical proximity, Rochester and Gillingham are unlikely bedfellows. Almost all they have in common is Chatham dockyard: the historic docks are in Rochester's area and Chatham Maritime, with its associated business park, in Gillingham.

Rochester is dominated by the great set piece of the Norman keep and Cathedral and cherishes its links with Charles Dickens. Gillingham is a town of neat terraced houses, the legacy of its growth in the mid-19th century as a dormitory for the Royal Navy Dockyard and the associated military establishments along the Medway.

The changeover is complex: 38 groups of officers from the three councils involved are considering the changeover, and 80 per cent of the staff and functions will come from Kent County Council, which vigorously fought to keep the county intact.

Matters are further complicated by Rochester's status as a city, which will have to appear in the title of the new authority if it is to be retained. A decision on the new authority's name and coat of arms will be taken after the shadow elections on April 1.



Rochester Cathedral is one of the main tourist attractions of the city

And then there are politics. Gillingham is controlled by the Liberal Democrats, while Rochester is staunchly Labour. The parliamentary seats are held by Conservatives, but there are few Tories on the two councils. Although all parties are pledged to make the new authority work. Bob Sayer, Liberal Democrat leader of Gillingham, says: "We are terribly disappointed. We do not have much in common. Most people in Gillingham regard Rochester as conservative with a small 'c', while we are much more visionary and we have a strong community spirit which will be swamped." Gillingham has set out aggressively to attract business. Japanese firms, including Fuji, have already moved to the area and 90 per cent of its business park is occupied.

While Gillingham held on to its 3,500 council houses and prides itself on providing the homeless with temporary accommodation, Rochester sold its entire stock to a building society, the interest enabling it to avoid levying a district council tax for three years.

John Shaw, Labour leader of Rochester, said the new authority would be more powerful, enabling it to develop the economy of the whole area which had been devastated by the closure of Chatham dockyard in the mid-Eighties.

"Anything we have done, or Gillingham has done, since then has affected both areas," he said. "It has been monstrous really not to have a coordinated policy."

Nevertheless, to many the decision of John Gummer, the Secretary of State for the Environment, who was educated at King's School, Rochester, appears illogical. Kent will lose 5 per cent of its population, but 15 per cent of its budget.

There is little popular support. Of those questioned for a MORI poll, 63 per cent in Gillingham and 53 per cent in Rochester opted for no change. Apart from the transitional costs, estimated by the commission to be £7.8 million-£11.2 million, the average Band D taxpayer in Kent is expected to pay an extra £23 a year, and residents of the two towns an average of £190 a year to cover the costs of the change.

Many regard Kent as a well-run authority which has capitalised on its geographical position and spread the benefits to the whole county. Now some business quarters fear these policies will be jeopardised when Medway becomes its own little county.

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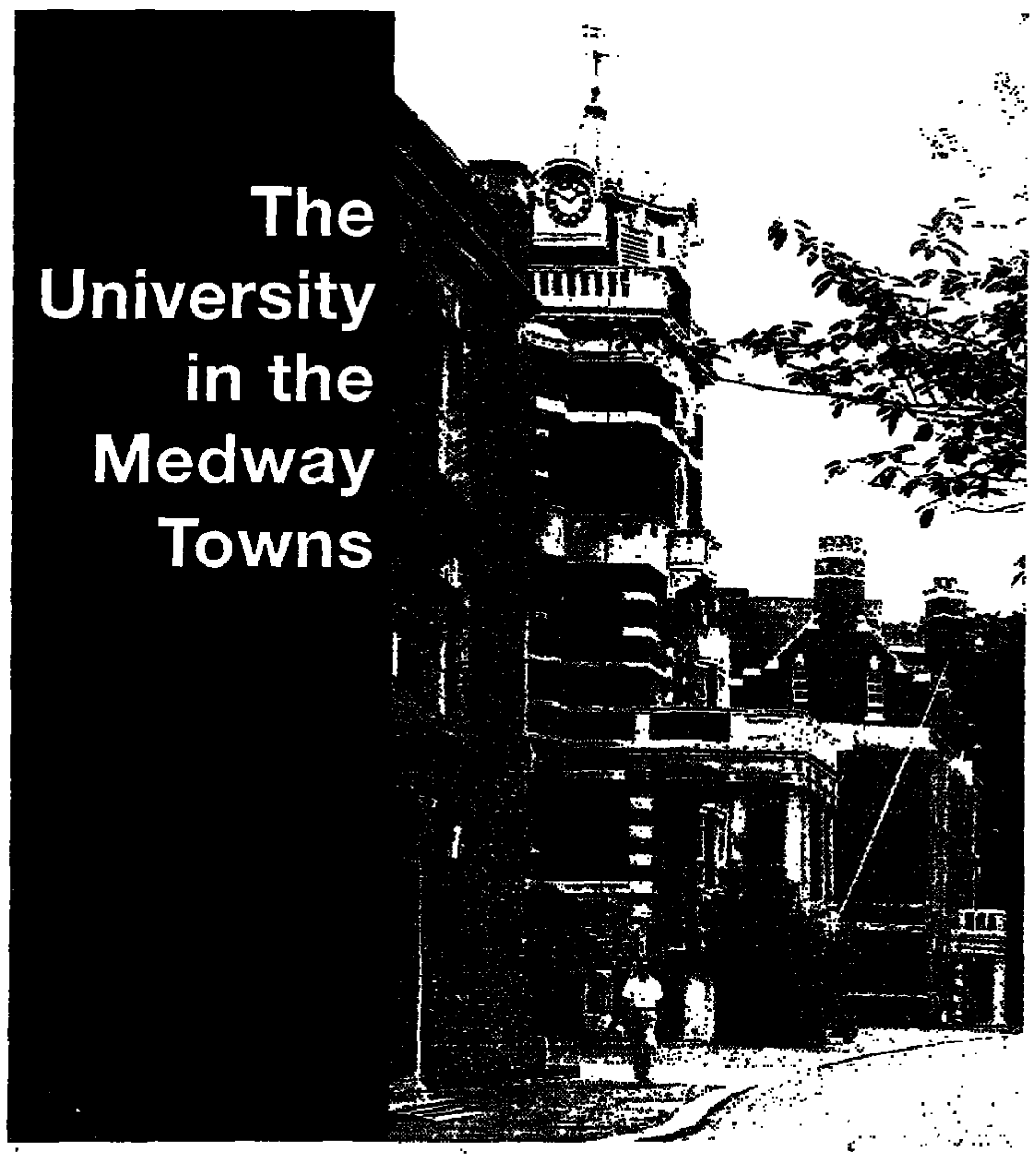

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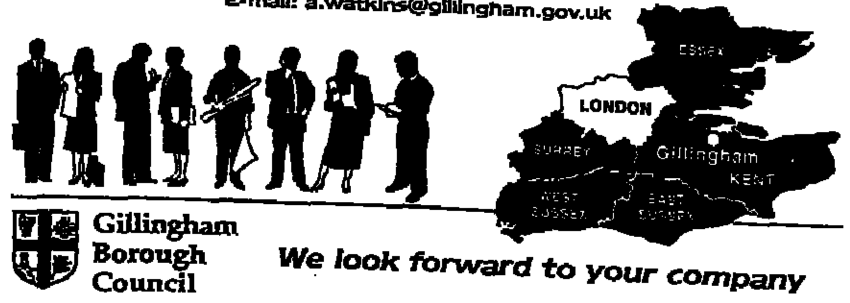

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The Dickens of a time

Della Mason on how the Medway towns celebrate their links with the great novelist

Medway life in the 1800s is chronicled in Charles Dicken's novel *Great Expectations*. Today Rochester High Street steps back into the past at least three times a year to take on the atmosphere created by the writer, who loved the town, who knew every cranny there and who wrote about and immortalised local people.

The annual celebration of the Dickensian Chrismas (on December 7 and 8 this year), one of the main events on the tourist calendar, evokes the memory of the Victorian winters he described so vividly. The visitor can rub shoulders with Scrooge (albeit the 1996 version in costume), Mr Pickwick or any one of the huge cast of characters that Dickens drew from real life. Local people insist that you can still meet those recognizable Dickens characters. Dickens at Rochester is an important part of the Medway Towns' tourism trade. In 1995, 437,000 visitors were attracted to places of interest including the Charles Dickens Centre, Rochester Castle, and Chatham Historic Dockyard.

Many thousands more flock from all over the world to the street extravaganzas: the Rochester Sweeps Festival (May), the Dickens Festival (May/June) and Dickensian Christmas with its bellringers, horse-drawn vehicles and music-hall shows.

Many thousands flock from all over the world to the Dickens Festival

Rochester is also hoping to become known as a festival city. It has a sports festival, the summer Medway Arts Festival with top orchestras performing open-air, a Norman Rochester event, where everyone dresses in costume, and the Strood Steam Fair (traction engines, costumes not obligatory).

The principal events officer, Carl Madjitey, is a busy man. The summer Dickens Festival was launched 18 years ago, and has grown year by year. The streets are full of crinolines, frock coats and costumes, and people travel hundreds of miles to tumble from cars, faces painted and wearing wigs: all part of the frivolity and fun.

These events, neither highbrow nor exacting, are sheer amusement. There is dancing in the street, laughter — and the children love it.

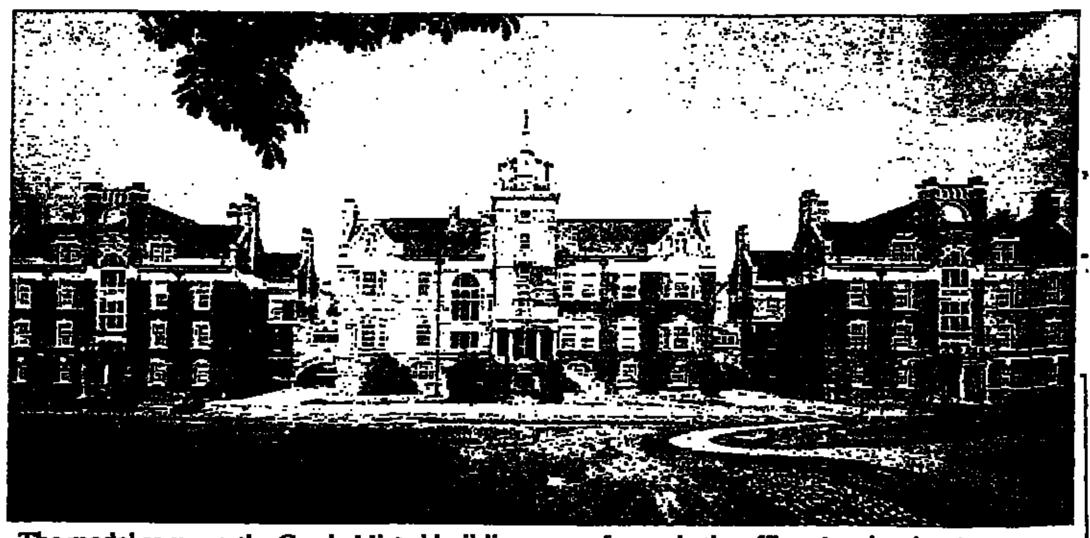
Dickensian Christmas is a picture story, with real snow — yes, if it does not snow, they bring it in — and ice for skaters. "It actually feels like Christmas here ... with the snow and the twinkling lights and ladies in big fur-trimmed bonnets. It is very enticing", says Mr Madjitey. He adds that the whole idea of their Dickensian Christmas is to step back in time — and take things slowly.

"People say to me 'But what happens at the Christmas event?' In fact it is people doing their Christmas shopping, meeting friends and enjoying it all at a leisurely pace. We are so unused to that today. But once you do wind down, it really is fabulous. The carol singers from Rochester Cathedral come out to sing carols in the snow ... It just feels like Christmas the way it should be, the way it was ..."

With the High Street closed to cars, staff in bars and coffee shops are in white caps and ankle-length aprons for most of the year. Dickens would have felt at ease here. He lived at Gads Hill Place, two miles from Rochester, and spent his early boyhood in Chatham, when his father moved to work in the pay office at the naval dockyard, and he knew every inch of Medway.

A new £1 million Tourist Visitor Centre opened in August in Rochester. There are plans to provide one ticket to cover all the places of interest with coach pick-up points.

But Rochester has other new plans. After the huge success of the summer arts festival — of classical music — plus the return of the Royal Shakespeare Company in November with the *Comedy of Errors*, there is a mood to introduce an event to celebrate the works of Dickens. The council is hoping to attract big hotels to the area with its new marketing strategy, and is planning to expand Dickens tourism and festivals.


The model campus: the Grade I listed buildings were formerly the officers' and ratings' quarters

Making waves in science

Medway Campus: from naval college to learning centre

The University of Greenwich, London, is growing at a rate that few British universities can equal. Having acquired the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, from next year, it has also firmly established its School of Earth and Environmental Sciences — and now opened its School of Engineering — at the new Medway Campus, Chatham Maritime, in Kent.

The campus will offer higher educational facilities to 2,500 students. Six hundred have already begun their degree courses.

The Grade I listed university buildings were the officers' and ratings' quarters. Where the ratings slept in long rows of slung hammocks there are now libraries, lecture halls and laboratories.

In 1994 the university — now the tenth largest in Britain — decided to move to the Medway Towns, which had no equivalent university or higher education facility. "Such a high population needed in its midst the learning facilities that we offer," Professor David Willis, Dean of the Faculty of the Environment at the Medway Campus, says.

About 60 per cent are of the students are mature learners. "Students still enjoy themselves but they are working hard, too. Often foreign students have led the way in this. They are here to work, especially since it could be costing, for a three-year course, up to £35,000. It makes teaching rather pleasant," Professor Willis says.

The professor is also acting as director of the the Natural Resources Institute (NRI), part of the former Government-run Overseas Development Administration. It employs about 300 scientists and works on worldwide projects relating to soil fertility, drainage, irrigation, crop procedures and protection of the environment.

When the NRI was privatised last year, the University of Greenwich became the new owner. Linking up with the University of Edinburgh, Imperial College and Wye College of the University of London, it also put together a joint venture company — the Natural Resources International Ltd — to become the business-winning arm of NRI. The institute aims to win more managed research, consultancy and training projects. The NRI staff, who have tremendous hands-on experience abroad, will also lecture students on environmental studies and earth sciences.

Just back from China, where the university is establishing yet another arm, Professor Willis says that the Medway Campus is also working in the Medway Towns with local authorities and business people. "We hope to encourage businesses to use our services. There are superb laboratories and our new School of Engineering, which opened this year, is ideally based here in Medway, where so many people have great engineering skills."

DELLA MASON

● *The University's School of Engineering, in particular, is seen as an exciting catalyst for the Medway Towns. There are open days from next month. Details on 0800 005 006.*

John Grigsby reports on the environment and the pressures posed by development. Will they ever get along?

Estuary wildlife at risk

Despite the international importance of its estuary as a wildlife habitat, the River Medway faces pressures which are as acute as those on any river in Britain.

The estuary is recognised as of international importance — it supports 70,000 waders and wildfowl in winter. But the wide channels and sheltered harbours, with their easy access to the North Sea which made it a natural home for the Royal Navy at Chatham and Sheerness in the 17th and 18th centuries, also attracted paper mills and power stations in the 20th. For years they — and the ships which served them — discharged their detritus into the river.

Recent government legislation with its stiff fines for pollution has changed that, but the river's various roles add to the pressure on the Medway. As a navigable highway, the river is becoming increasingly busy. It handles about 20,500 commercial vessels a year, with a grand total of 24 million tonnes.

It falls within the Thames Gateway, the area between Greenwich and Sheerness which the Government hopes to revive, and where there is pressure for development along the banks to cope with derelict land and tackle the high rates of unemployment.

When it comes to a choice between reviving the economy and protecting the environment, the economy often wins. In July, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds won an important victory when the European Court ruled that the Government had acted illegally by leaving Lappel Bank out of the Medway Estuary Special Protection area for economic reasons. But the mudflats, supporting important bird species, had already been destroyed.

It is also an important recreational area with 4,000 resident moorings for yachts and cabin cruisers and many yacht clubs and marinas. Nor is that all.

Chris Corrigan, senior conservation officer for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, says: "As well as development pressures in the Medway, you have also got issues such as sea level rise. When you build sea walls, the sea level rises and you get drowning of the coastal habitats.

"The problem with a place like the Medway is that south-east England is packed with people and when they have got people pressures next to wildlife pressures, inevitably you get problems."

A new Medway Estuary and Swale Management plan which seeks to reconcile the conflicting interests will be published in February and Andrew Paley, estuary project officer for the North Kent Marshes Initiative, says that they will publish the final proposals in July. Although it will not be a statutory document, the various parties will be obliged to take it into consideration.

The local councils, the Sports Council, English Nature, the RSPB, the port companies, the fisheries and agricultural interests have taken part along with those whose livelihood depends on the river or who use it for pleasure.

Mr Paley says that five main areas of concern have been identified during the year and a half of discussion: sustainability, judging how much activity the area can take and how environmental habitats can be conserved and replaced; land use, including the use of brownfield sites; dredging; recreational access; and management and public education and awareness.

Medway Ports, the harbour conservancy and pilotage authority for the 17.3 miles of river downstream from Allington Lock to the Medway Buoy, advises sailors how to avoid disturbing the wintering flocks of geese, ducks and waders which have bred in the far north of Europe.

Its jurisdiction covers the Swale, Queenborough Harbour and Milton and Faversham creeks. The rest of the 60-mile river is non-tidal. Its Marine Division, headed by captain Derek Stoyles, the Harbour Master and a veteran of 34 years on the Medway, includes a river inspectorate whose responsibilities include monitoring all hazardous materials passing through the port, investigating and reporting on oil pollution, controlling yacht moorings and liaising with recreational groups and motor yachting organisations.

Users believe that the quality of the river is improving despite the pressures. Nigel Taylor, who manages Elm Haven marina which holds about 50 boats at Halling, three miles from Rochester, says: "I think Medway Ports do a pretty good job, although it might be able to do more if it had a bit more money to police the river.

"When I first came here as a boat owner ten years ago, the smell at low tide was sometimes awful. The firms and the ships just used to shoot their rubbish into the river. But we have not seen this recently. The river is definitely cleaner.

"One of our clients fishes from here in a small boat and you should see the fish he catches. But I have to admit that the river still does not look very clean."

Brian Clayton, membership secretary for the Medway River Users' Association, says: "Really the only beef we have is that rubbish collects below Allington Lock and never seems to get sorted out at all. Otherwise we believe that the river is clean and much less polluted than it was."

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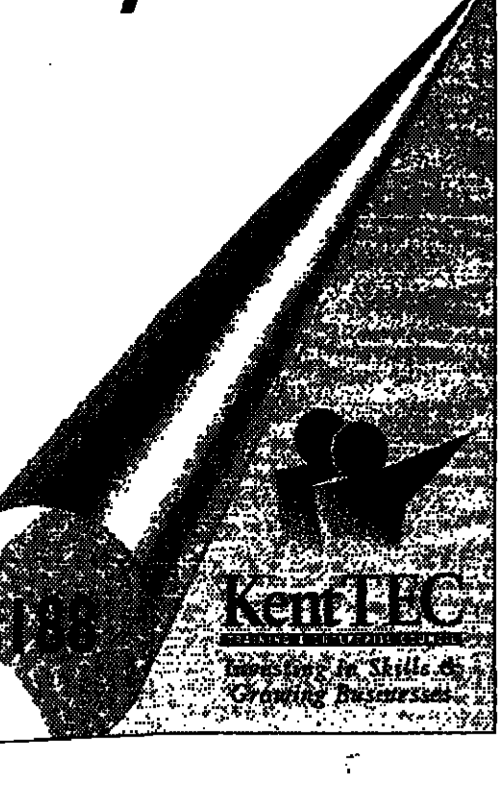

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Edouard Lock — "Meaning is not the foremost consideration"

Allen Robertson talks to the choreographer Edouard Lock about his new work as La La La Human Steps starts a UK tour

Two of his dances, *Human Sex* and *New Demons*, became apocalyptic and furiously raucous icons of the 1980s. We could be forgiven for thinking that Edouard Lock is one of yesterday's men, yet nothing could be further from the truth. We may have lost sight of him, but that does not mean that his company has not been busy at every other point on the global compass. Britain is about the only country in Europe not to have seen Lock's work since 1990, when he staged David Bowie's *Sound and Vision* world tour.

Though Lock's excoriating style has been cooling down over the past decade, his company, La La La Human Steps, continues to retain its reputation as trendy, hip and happening. Now, at long last, La La La is back on these shores for a tour which opens in Birmingham tonight and culminates in London next month as the finale of this year's Dance Umbrella festival.

Lock's current work, *2*, was premiered in Paris in early 1995, and has been touring ever since. The response has been as rapturous as ever, even though *2* is something of a departure from his previous creations.

"It's a much more introverted piece than I think people remember me doing," Lock says. "With *2*, audiences have a tendency to lean forward. Before, you tended to press your back against your seat and just give in to being frontally assaulted. Here, the public has to be a bit careful, a bit more attentive."

Lasting an hour and 45 minutes without interval, *2* features a cast of eight dancers and two musicians, who play an original score for a pair of harpsichords composed by Britain's Gavin Bryars. "The reason I chose harpsichord," Lock says, "is that the harpsichord is oddly uninvolved. You can bang on it or you can barely touch it and it still sounds the same. Even at its ultimate extreme it is oddly removed, like a loud, but uninterested scream."

There is nothing loud or uninterested about the soft-spoken but compellingly intense Lock. Born in Morocco to an Arab father and a Spanish mother, Lock has lived in Canada since he was three. Unlike most dancers and choreographers he did not start out with a passion for sport and had never been in a dance class until he was 19.

"For a very long time all I was interested in was writing. For many years I was carrying around a little typewriter with me and pounding away. I was showing absolutely no interest in any of the performing arts.

"The transition happened in an unpredictable way. In college I took one elective theatre course, which turned out to be a dance class. It was the first time in my life that I was working non-functionally with my body.

"Right off the bat there was for me an evident link between structure in language and structure in movement. Poetry is a structural form, juxtaposing words next to other words. Immediately, it struck me as very similar to the way one would choose to string certain movements next to other movements.

"With both poetry and choreography, meaning is neither the first nor the foremost consideration. And once meaning is taken out, you are dealing with abstract laws, you are dealing with something you have to sense because there is no clear rule regarding the juxtaposition of these structures. If there were, you would simply make a book explaining how to write poetry and then you would be done. But, of course, there would be no more poetry."

The poetics of dancing took over immediately. "I was voracious; between 1971 and 1975 I was everywhere, taking every class, ferreting out every obscure style. I could not afford to come to Europe, but I spent most of my time on the bus to New York and hunting down anything that moved."

Rather than taking up permanent residence in Manhattan, Lock opted to retain his base in Montreal. "I needed to be working and it didn't really matter where I was, so I followed the opportunities. In those days they were definitely more Canadian. That is where I had the options to work."

In 1980 he started his own company. A year later he met his muse, Louise Lecavalier. "She was absolutely focused on exploring dance, that really was her prime concern. It was rare in Montreal to have that sort of intensity for something that did not pay a penny. She put an inordinant amount of effort into everything, and her discipline was certainly an attraction for me. It was — and is — a shared aesthetic. For both of us, nothing else mattered."

Lecavalier is indisputably the central character in *2*. In addition to being vibrantly on stage herself, Lecavalier is seen in a pair of films that are screened simultaneously side by side. In one she is 30. In the other she plays a 95-year-old.

"The films deal with a very clear subject-matter," says Lock. "They share common activities like eating and sleeping, measurable mundane things which everybody does. In one Louise is Louise. In the other she is a non-person.

"The thing I learnt from doing this is how lonely ageing must be. Once Louise had the old woman's make-up on she simply disappeared. It is frightening how the film crew responded to her in a totally different manner. She just wasn't there.

"People clear away from you as soon as you're 35. In terms of selling things, in the photography of advertisements, you are just not there any more, you are not represented.

"Seeing that, I realised that there's something oddly virginal about coming into a room of people who do not care what they look like. All that sick old people care about is getting the coffee cup to their lips. They are not in the least interested in how their pinkie may or may not be curved."

- *La La La Human Steps is at the Birmingham Hippodrome today and tomorrow; the King's Theatre, Glasgow on Friday and Saturday; the Grand Theatre, Leeds, Oct 31-Nov 1; and the Peacock Theatre, London, Nov 5-8*

THEATRE: A dazzling Baltic festival; an Immorality Play in Croydon; courtroom drama transfers from school hall to West End

Cast in Estonia

PEETER JALAKAS's quirky and inventive theatre show, **Estonian Games. Wedding**, was the perfect opener for the festival of Baltic arts, *Altered States*, at Watermans Arts Centre, west London. It used computer technology in a witty and sophisticated way, and gave a vivid flavour of Estonia's folkloric tradition to dispel any narrow-minded preconceptions you might have had about theatre from this small country.

The stage consists of a huge screen on which the director, seated at the front of the stage, plays a live computer game. At the top of the screen, Estonia's history is presented at the rate of one year every six seconds, starting in 1100. Invasions from Russians, Swedes, Germans, Danes or Crusaders are fought off or not: cities fall, are recaptured and fall again, a constant backdrop of turbulence to the stage action.

But ordinary life goes on. Jalakas chooses to present a traditional wedding, and immediately on the screen appears a group of severe-looking matriarchs in full traditional costume. First we hear the haunting sound of their runic chanting, then they step right through the screen: seven full-throated women from the Setu Choir, Leiko.

History unravels as the wedding preparations continue until, in 1946, the Soviet invasion stamps out the country's newly won independence and 21,000 Estonians are deported. But by the time the bride finally takes her groom, it is 1991. Estonia is independent and, before we know it, we have crashed into the present and there we are, the audience on screen, happily applauding.

Equally enchanting, though in a dramatically different way, is Priit Pedajas's story of artisan love, **Epp Pillarpart's Pottery**. In a ramshackle old pottery, the owner, a dour-looking fellow (Priit Pedajas himself) finishes his last pot, bequeaths it to his young wife Epp, walks offstage and dies. Pedajas then plays exquisite ancient tunes on the kannel, a zither-like instrument. The bereaved Epp (Liina Tennosaar) and her workers Niilas (Jaan Rekkor) and Jass (Heiko Soot) alleviate their days by breaking into heartwrenching songs to Pedajas's accompaniment.

Of course, both Miilas and Jass are in love with Epp. Tension breaks out in hilarious rivalry between them. The acting is fine and funny, and a sense of Estonia's rural past is simply and effectively evoked. If the rest of the season continues as it began, it will prove to be one of Watermans' most memorable events.

CLARE BAYLEY

MARILYN KINGWILL

Feat of clay: Heiko Soot and Liina Tennosaar in the witty *Epp Pillarpart's Pottery*

A fable less than fabulous

Groping in the Dark
Warehouse, Croydon

THE TITLE has its sexual meaning, and more than a furtive grope goes on in the warehouse at the fringe of town. Here, excited by Ecstasy, patrons lose any remaining inhibitions that stop them satisfying their desires. But James Martin Charlton probably wants his title to be taken philosophically. All systems are maleficent, especially those to do with politics and religion; the longing to find a comforting system is immature and we must grope, in the dark, as we shape a personal standard of conduct.

The play has to mean this, and I am with the author in his general standpoint and in many of the utterances his odd characters make as the plot zigzags them this way, that way and back again. But he has done himself few favours in the form he has chosen to show how his protagonist, named Saint, goes floundering between a dull marriage and the hedonism of the warehouse, embracing his employer's son but too confused to know what to do next.

Charlton's previous full-length play, *Fat Souls*, was an exceptionally promising work, showing how a fat lump of a girl braved the sneers of fellow workers, found happiness, lost it, and maybe in the end found comfort tending her gay lover's garden. Some characters wore masks, and the dialogue frequently turned into verse, but these decidedly uncommon features for a modern play were employed with adroitness and pungency.

In this new play, presented by Friendly Fire Production and directed by Charlton, Saint (Tim Kane) is a painter taken up by Lord Stone (Richard Earthy) to teach his son the useful disciplines of art. The dramatic function of this lusty youngster (Sebastian Knapp) is to represent instinctive resistance to his father, who is fond of giving Hitler salutes and appears to be running the country.

The lad goes off to the warehouse, which is run by Baron Sate, who could well be Satan in his long leather coat and top hat (overfamiliar accessories for a king demon) and who turns out to be Lord Stone's rejected brother. Certainly we are not watching a naturalistic play here, but nor are we, in the first half, watching a well-organised or persuasively argued one. The dream sequences, the character of the Guru (Euan Macnaughton), and the summary progress through time are some of the play's intriguing features, but the parable form that makes it a sort of Immorality Play is too restrictive to carry Charlton's attacks and warnings convincingly.

However, what it has done is inspire a witty set from Zoe Gingell: a panorama of doors, sober and Palladian at one end, but gradually melting into sinuous curves until the other end is a Hellgape flanked with lascivious beauties. The play itself could have done with more of such wit.

JEREMY KINGSTON

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Facing off: Thomas Murphy and Euan Macnaughton

Schoolboy stars of the macabre

Never the Sinner
Arts Theatre

ON PAPER John Logan's 1985 play *Never the Sinner* has all the tools to explore a fascinating slice of real-life macabre. His subject, the motiveless murder of a 14-year-old boy by two affluent students in Chicago in 1923, initiated one of the trials of the century and inspired Hitchcock's 1948 film version of Patrick Hamilton's play *Rope*.

What made this crime so disturbing was that Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb murdered Robert Franks with a chisel for no apparent reason other than a warped obsession with Nietzsche's theories about the master race. Having spent a year conducting his own research into the case, Logan stitched together original court extracts that tell a chilling story of two idealistic teenage homosexuals who fantasise about being intellectually beyond the reach of any moral code.

Unfortunately Philip Swan's production of *Never the Sinner* at the Arts Theatre is only remarkable for being the first school play ever to transfer to the West End. The cast, all from King's College School, Wimbledon, battle their way through the docu-drama format with more courage than conviction. There are seeds of talent, but the show is really sustained by the sheer novelty of their amateur endeavour.

As the play shuffles between the trial and the events leading to the murder, Adam Chalk's sullen Leopold and Daniel Pirrie's gregariously camp Loeb smoke cigarettes, talk-up their superiority and interact like bank clerks who read dictionaries in their spare time. First-night nerves may have dampened the sexual chemistry. But the sly amorality of Hitchcock's film, which made us side with the killers, is here as elusive as the chilling lack of motive. Beneath the silky good breeding, the greased-back hair and the three-piece suits, you never quite shake the suspicion that Leopold and Loeb are nothing more than a remorseless pair of out-and-out creeps.

Where Swan locates his strongest conflict is in the courtroom battle between Simon Sandland's super-neat State Attorney, out to satisfy the bloodlust of Chicago's outraged citizens, and Christopher Day, a teacher from the KCS Junior School, who delivered a wheedling impersonation of the great American lawyer Clarence Darrow. With collar undone, Day's shambling lawyer squints at his clients like a man who has left his wits along with his accent on the number 24 bus. Despite this obvious setback, he still manages to draw a pungent ambivalence around Darrow's stout appeals for mercy.

It was Darrow's introduction of psychiatric evidence — the first time in a murder trial — that commuted the young men's certain death sentences to "life plus 99 years". How much he did it for the sake of his own reputation is deliciously muddy. His closing summation lasted three days. KCS commendably wrap up Logan's play in an hour and a half. They should take heart from their West End blooding: time, after all, is on their side.

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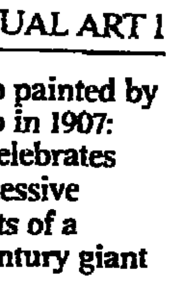

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VISUAL ART: **Richard Cork** on a monumental Picasso exhibition in Paris; plus London galleries

Portraits of the exorcist

In terms of the subjects he chose to paint, Picasso was surprisingly traditional. Even at the height of his revolutionary attempt to overhaul the language of modern art, he resisted the new, machine-age motifs favoured by so many of his avant-garde contemporaries. Time and again, portraits and still life claimed Picasso's attention. And of the two, portraiture lay closer to the centre of his protean imagination.

Picasso never lost his youthful fascination with the faces and bodies he saw around him. Indeed, his appetite for portraits became voracious as he grew older. While spurning the whole notion of an officially commissioned likeness, he never tired of scrutinising his wives, mistresses, children and friends. They may not have recognised the drastic distortions he unleashed on their features. But there is no mistaking his obsessive involvement with them, and a monumental Paris exhibition called *Picasso and the Portrait* contains an overwhelming number of his most fiercely impassioned works.

The survey commences in a wintry mood. Only two paintings are hung in the circular vastness of the first room, and they both belong to the Blue Period at its most melancholy. Free from the sentimentality which so often marred his work then, they show no desire to flatter. One, a 1901 self-portrait of the bearded, pallid artist buttoned up against the cold, is unexpectedly rough in execution. The other, a 1904 portrait of Carlota Valdivia, shows an old woman staring out guardedly from the shelter of her dark hood.

Before 1907, however, nothing really prepares us for the violence Picasso turned on himself in that year. Here, at a time when *Les Demoiselles d'Avignon* heralded the birth of Cubism, he reduces his own features to a scaffold of crude, black lines. The flat hair stamped at a brusque diagonal across his forehead seems to proclaim an angry, resolute mood. His elongated nose has a phallic obtrusiveness.

This is the portrait of a 26-year-old artist hellbent on attacking worn-out ways of painting, in order to arrive at a new forcefulness. Even as he moved into the great, investigative period of Cubism, though, this complex young innovator proved reluctant to abandon the time-honoured practice of portraiture. Some of the most severe and apparently impersonal figure paintings from these years are, in fact, based on specific people. Fernande Olivier, with whom he lived at the time, is first seen as the subject of tender images during the Rose Period. Then, in 1908, she is transformed into the stern and sculptural *Woman with a Fan*, stripped of all detail and as grave as an enthroned prophetess.

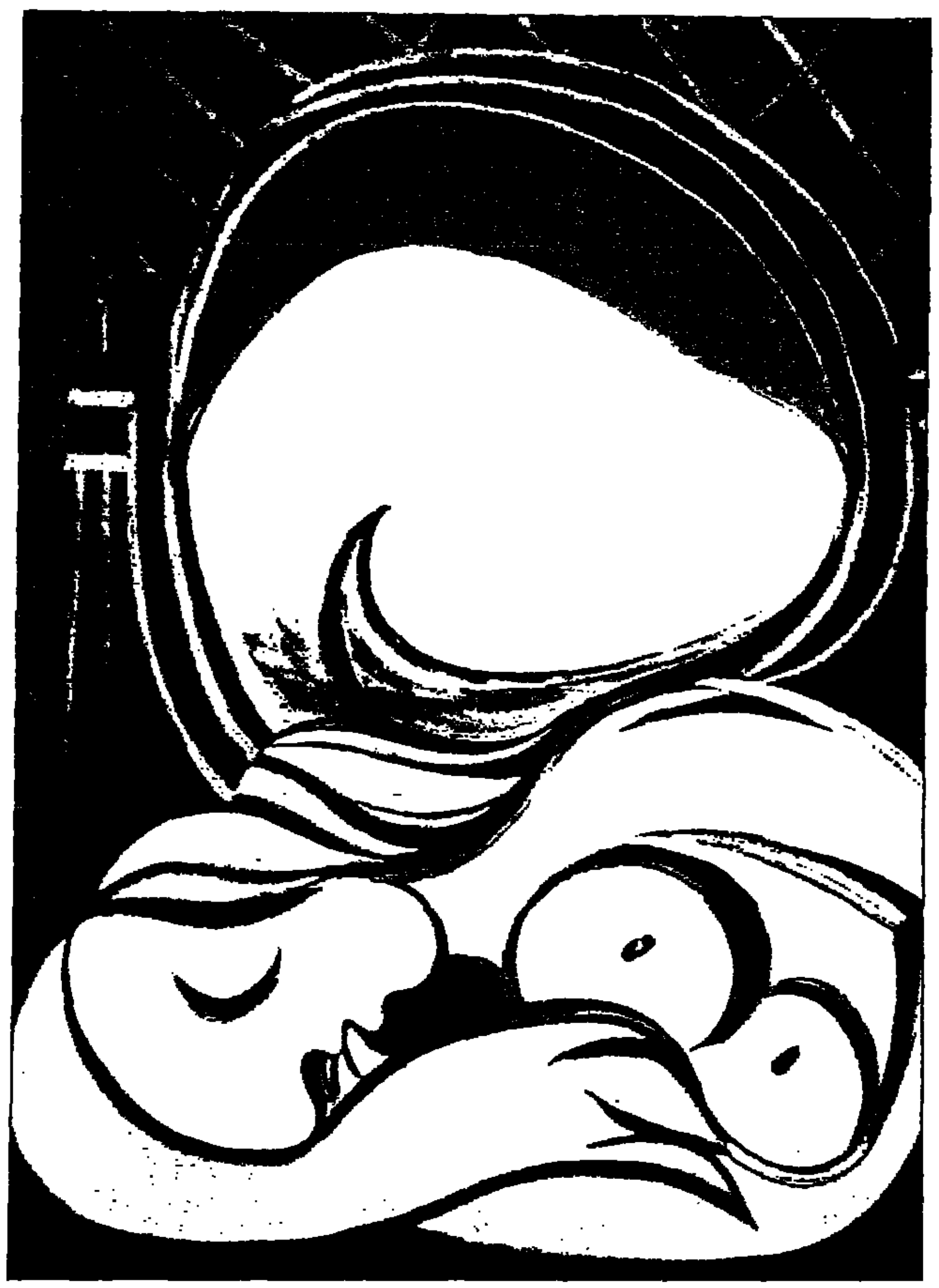
> ❛ His detestation of his wife generates splendid pictures ❜

The most impressive wall of Cubist exhibits turns out to display three portraits of dealers. All painted in 1910, they are marvellously distinct characterisations. Wilhelm Uhde, one of the first to admire the much-vilified *Demoiselles*, emerges from Picasso's splintering of form as a chiselled, flinty and frowning presence with puritanically pursed lips. He could hardly be more removed from the earthiness of the bearded, brooding Ambroise Vollard, who had given Picasso his first one-man show. He looks sulky, and the Cubist fragmentation cannot disguise his bear-like bulk. He seems weighty in brain as well as body, and contrasts completely with the portrait of Daniel-Henry Kahnweiler. A shrewd champion of the Cubist cause, Kahnweiler is subjected to a greater degree of formal shattering than the other two dealers. With a playful smile curving across his face like a pencil moustache, Kahnweiler seems the most mischievous of the three men.

There was little room for portraits then, and they only reappear in quantity after Picasso met his first wife, Olga, in 1917. A dancer with Diaghilev's Russian Ballet, she appears controlled to the point of iciness in a neo-classical painting produced soon afterwards. Based on a photograph of Olga in the studio, it is one of Picasso's smoothest and least convincing performances.

It is a relief when the marriage begins to collapse, for Picasso's growing detestation of his wife generates some splendidly energetic heads. Olga becomes a predatory monster, snarling with fangs ready to bite. By the time he painted the large *Seated Bather* in 1930, she is nothing more than a skeletal apparition on the beach.

This is portraiture as revenge and exorcism, the work of a man now prepared to lose himself in a voluptuous affair with the young blonde Marie-Thérèse Walter. All the Olga-inspired venom drains away for a while, as the lustful Picasso turns a woman less than half his age into his new muse. She inspired the most erotic nudes he ever produced, and in a headlong painting called *The Mirror* he seems to reverse Velazquez's *Rokeby Venus* to further his own sensual purposes. Instead of lying with her back to us like the Venus, Marie-Thérèse is shown from the front with global breasts exposed. And rather than following Velazquez's example by reflecting her face in the mirror, Picasso fills the glass with his lover's provocative buttocks.



The Mirror (1932) celebrates Picasso's affair with the young Marie-Thérèse Walter

To judge by the rapturous rhythms of so many undulating Marie-Thérèse-inspired paintings in 1932, this was the year when their relationship peaked. Three years later, he met the Surrealist photographer Dora Maar and embarked on a sharply contrasting set of images. In most of his alliances with women, Picasso's portraits proceed from initial tenderness to terminal ugliness. But Dora's do not conform to this remorseless pattern. As early as 1937, she disintegrates into the fractured anguish of *Weeping Woman*, where the jagged handkerchief threatens to compound her misery by slicing into her eyeballs.

Since *Guernica* was painted in the same year, we cannot dissociate this woman's distress from the lacerating, protesting grief of her counterparts in Picasso's epic pictorial assault on the horrors of the Spanish Civil War. Nor do we know whether he intended *Weeping Woman* to be a portrait, as opposed to a personification of bereavement. At times, I wondered whether this otherwise magnificent exhibition limited the meaning of certain paintings by underlining the identity of the people on whom they are based. Picasso worked from memory or photographs rather than sitters, and these astoundingly inventive images flouted all preconceived notions about what a portrait might be.

But there are moments when he undoubtedly focuses on the personality and appearance of his subject. The affectionate, vulnerable 1942 *Portrait of Dora Maar* is one of them, and the close-up paintings of his two children Claude and Paloma provide another example a decade later. His last wife Jacqueline is, however, the woman whose likeness he honours most frequently. Throughout the experiments he makes in these final years, her large-eyed and imperious features are easy to identify.

So are the trio of late self-portrait drawings that bring the show to such a harrowing conclusion. Made in his nineties, they are utterly unsparing. Picasso now sees his mottled and decaying face as a death's head, and confronts the imminence of extinction with the same toughness he had inflicted on his youthful features back in 1907. Despite all the startling stylistic upheavals his work underwent in the decades between, this hard resolution remained unaltered at the end.

● Picasso and the Portrait *is at the Grand Palais, Paris (00 33 1 44 13 17 17) until Jan 20*

AROUND THE GALLERIES

AMONG **Raymond Mason**'s elaborate, frequently grotesque sculptures there are a number of low reliefs of architectural prospects, mainly Parisian. They have achieved less notice than his crowded scenes of human figures caught in moments of everyday pleasure or exceptional pain — for obvious reasons, since works such as Mason's evocation of a mining disaster, *A Tragedy in the North*, compel a strong reaction, whether of love or detestation. The purely architectural panoramas, on the other hand, are, if not more conventional (for who else is doing anything remotely like them today?), at least less emotionally committing.

One such, *The Louvre, The Richelieu Wing*, is the centrepiece of Mason's new show at Marlborough Fine Art, a culminating tribute to his 50-year devotion to the city. But the rest of the show comes as a complete surprise. One would assume, of course, that Mason must have made many preliminary studies of the buildings around him in order to record them in polyester resin. But who would have expected to see this succession of meticulously executed watercolour townscapes (along with a couple in oils), testifying to Mason's absolute obsession with detail?
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☐ THERE are few better eyes in the business than Chris Beetles's for discerning the merits of neglected or forgotten artists who would now, rather meaninglessly, be grouped under the catch-all heading "Modern British".

Many of his discoveries have been made through gathering material for a succession of annual shows devoted to British illustrators. But when one remembers that he is also the great current proponent of Albert Goodwin and the 20th-century watercolourist successors to Turner, it will surprise no one that the latest artist to be taken under his wing is the "rediscovered genius" **Cecil Arthur Hunt** (1873-1965). Hunt was prominent in the Royal Watercolour Society and the Royal Society of British Artists, but seems to have been totally uninterested in selling himself to a wider public.

Indeed, to look at the list of his travels over 50 years in the beautifully illustrated book which accompanies the show (£15), it is a wonder that he achieved the fame he did. He had a passion for mountains, and even his smallest works are monumental in conception. The most evident influence is mature Turner, but from time to time we are reminded that all of Hunt's professional career belongs to the 20th century: not only are there occasional examples of industrial romanticism, but also some of the paintings have a crispness of outline which recalls less Turneresque artists such as D.Y.Cameron. "Genius" is not, perhaps, overstating the case.
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JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

Hunt's *Château de Crussol, Valence* (1927)

CLASSICAL CHOICE

A guide to the best available recordings, presented in conjunction with Radio 3

Chopin's Waltzes
Reviewed by
Stephen Plaistow

CHOPIN authorised only eight of his waltzes for publication and was concerned that the others should not circulate without his consent. The "extras" comprise early works together with a smaller number of pieces from his maturity that he gave to friends and initiates as presents and *pièces d'album*. Posterity has rightly judged that we would be the poorer without them, whatever Chopin's wishes may have been. There are more than 20 CDs currently available which include the eight published waltzes plus a varying number of the others, usually six but sometimes as many as ten or eleven.

The waltzes inhabit the salon and elevate its conventions into a sophisticated art-form, and they reveal a lot about the performer, who must waltz them in his head as he plays. They are merciless in showing up the limitations of an interpreter's personality, and not just in the rhythm department. Some good players keep your attention for a while and then become predictable, or forget that virtuosity should always serve the exuberance of the dance.

In **Dinu Lipatti**'s still unsurpassed studio recording of 1950 one is hardly aware of detail any more, only of Chopin's voice (**EMI CDH 69802-2, £9.99**). Alfred Cortot said of his former pupil that he was "perfection". Cortot's searing oratory was not always so immaculately realised in keyboard terms, but the six-CD set (if you can run to it) of his historic Chopin recordings, which includes the same 14 waltzes as Lipatti played, is indispensable (EMI CZS 7 67359-2, budget price).

Modern recordings to put beside these are not too plentiful. At budget price, Philip Fowke is personable, nicely recorded, and he captures a balletic lightness and grace that eludes the many players who over-project (Classics for Pleasure CD-CFPSD 4790, a two-CD album also including the sonatas, budget price).

A recommendable single CD at budget price is Tamas Vasary's, though the 1965 recording rather tells against it (DG 439 406-2). For a modern digital recording of all-round excellence, at full price, my recommendation is Jean-Philippe Collard, who plays 19 waltzes with the kind of cultivated pianism and precision of sound that are hallmarks of the best French players. If at first he seems cool, his calibre is soon apparent and he makes you want to listen on and on (EMI CDC 7 47641-2, available only through EMI's Special Import Service).

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CONCERTS: America sends three sopranos to take on the tenors; a chamber orchestra without a conductor

Girls' night out: sopranos Kallen Esperian, Cynthia Lawrence and Kathleen Cassello

Three little maids

IT HAD to happen. With the Three Tenors limbering up towards retirement, it was only a matter of time before the Three Sopranos invented themselves. They swept in on Sunday for their European debut, a touching reminder of London's standing in the musical world. Having learnt from the mistakes of many a rained-out Three Tenors concert they took the precaution of holding theirs indoors, and almost managed to fill the London Palladium. They forgot that indoors neither they nor the London Philharmonic would need amplification, but the polite audience gave the most painful top Cs the longest applause.

At ticket prices a fraction of what their colleagues had charged, they still managed to supply One Tenor — Pavarotti, whose appearance in his box delayed the start. Unlike the instantly recognisable Tenors, the Americans Kallen Esperian, Cynthia Lawrence and Kathleen Cassello are not well known here.

Still, this bringing together of three prima donnas was a significant occasion. It is not the nature of the animal to share the limelight, but as the evening progressed the knowing smiles that flashed every time a difficult passage was to be negotiated gave way to genuine high spirits and an impression that they were having a good night out.

The first half of the programme featured operatic excerpts — opera for people who don't like opera, and wouldn't be turned on to it by Marco Armiliato's unsparkling account of the *Figaro* overture. But at least he was supportive of his singers. It was not long before *O mio babbino* appeared, and the only surprise was at not hearing the *Lakmé* duet; perhaps BA owns the performing rights these days. The medleys, by arrangers who made up for what they lacked in taste with ingenious modulations, worked better in the lighter second half, which opened with a deliciously vamped-up *Three Little Maids*.

But the concert would not have been complete without each singer's solo slot. Lawrence revealed strong but steely tone in *Madam Butterfly*'s *Un bel di*, and Cassello was ill at ease with the coloratura of *Sempre libera* from *La traviata*. With her silvery soprano and soft, controlled singing of Kern's *All The Things You Are* and numbers from *Il trovatore*, Esperian easily won the talent contest. It's good that she will be back as the Royal Opera's Desdemona in the spring — and without amplification.

JOHN ALLISON

Sainted Ives

HOT-FOOTING it from Berlin's Konzerthaus, the **Orpheus Chamber Orchestra** of New York arrived at the Barbican for London's share of the imaginative Group Dynamics concert series, which twins the two cities and the two halls.

The shared programme this time had as its centrepiece the homegrown Symphony No 3, *The Camp Meeting*, of Charles Ives, a welcome return performance by a composer proudly and justly celebrated at the Barbican earlier this year. The Orpheus Chamber Orchestra play without a conductor, and the sense of constant flux in Ives's music was articulated with keen, vividly variegated playing born of close listening.

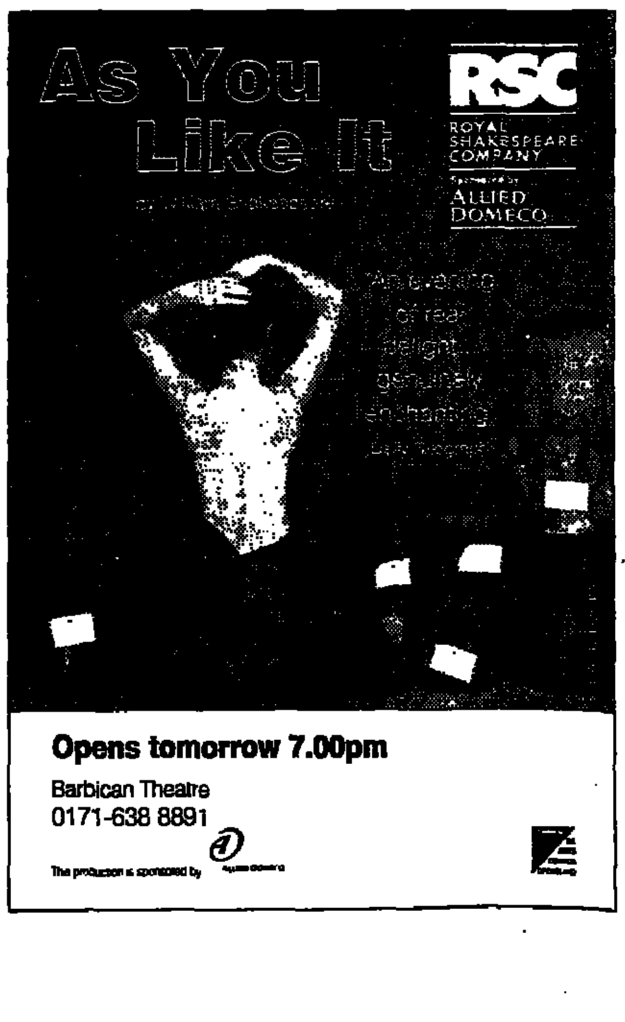
These three movements — *Old Folks Gathering, Children's Day* and *Communion* — reverberate with the echoes of half-remembered, far-off things. As a solo oboe filters through the strings, like a shaft of light through a chapel window, one rhythm, one texture becomes refracted through another.

Mahler, when he was conducting the New York Philharmonic in 1910, seized enthusiastically on this symphony and asked for a copy, intending to perform it in Europe. He died, alas, the following year. He had also given his blessing to Schubert's *Death and the Maiden* string quartet, despite his generally low opinion of the composer's chamber music, by arranging it for string orchestra, and the OCO's performance movingly revealed the subtle responses of one composer to another.

For the slow movement, where Schubert's eponymous song becomes abstracted into instrumental variations, the violins' note-by-note searching out of the hushed melody was articulated within one long current of breath. In the outer movements, supple melodic contours lifted the music through each modulation of key and texture, even if Mahler's arrangement takes some of the sting out of the tail of the angry Scherzo.

In between these works, trumpeter Hakan Hardenberger joined the OCO: first with piccolo trumpet, limber and light-filled, for Bach's Second Brandenburg Concerto, then noble and assured, with the later, fully adult keyed trumpet, for Haydn's E flat Concerto.

HILARY FINCH



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■ CHOICE 2

Gene Wilder is in Neil Simon's comedy *Laughter on the 23rd Floor*

VENUE: All week at the Queen's Theatre

THE TIMES ARTS

■ CHOICE 3

Chichester's *Talking Heads* comes to London with Maggie Smith

VENUE: Opens tonight at the Comedy Theatre

■ OPERA

The ENO revival of David Pountney's *Cunning Little Vixen* does not quite live up to expectations

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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ACCOMMODATING EVA: Dilie Keane plays an illegal Albanian immigrant who takes neat revenge on the lawyer who evicts her from her flat. Tom Dulack directs Sylva Freedman's new comedy
King's Head, 115 Upper Street, N1 (0171-226 1916). Tue-Sat, 8pm; mats Sat and Sun, 3.30pm.

◪ **THE ALCHEMIST:** Simon Callow, Josie Lawrence and Tim Pigott-Smith in Bill Alexander's Jonson production from Birmingham Rep, set in a post-apocalyptic future. The clever effects needed some polish a month ago, and maybe they've now received them
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Today, 7.15pm, tomorrow, 2pm and 7.15pm. In rep

◪ **ART** Albert Finney, Tom Courtenay and Ken Stott in Christopher Hampton's translation of the Paris success by Yasmina Reza. Three great friends find themselves at odds when one buys a piece of modern art. Matthew Warchus directs
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Rd, WC2 (0171-369 1736). Tue-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 3pm, Sat and Sun, 5pm.

HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD: M Mouse, D Duck, Cinderella, the *Fantasia* buckets and brooms, plus many other Disney creatures, cavort on the ice in a lavish extravaganza of Terpsichorean tra-la-la.
Wembley Arena, Wembley, Middlesex (081-900 1234). Tue-Sun, 7.30pm, mats Tue-Fri, 2pm; Sat and Sun, 12 noon and 3.45pm. Until Oct 27 Ⓢ

◪ **LAUGHTER ON THE 23RD FLOOR:** Neil Simon's funny account of working among a team of scriptwriters for comedian Sid Caesar back in the 1950s. Gene Wilder plays Sid
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5040). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat 4pm

☐ **MOJO** Second chance to see the multi-award-winning Jez Butterworth's hair-raising play, set in Soho gangland. Ian Rickson directs a new cast.
Royal Court Theatre Downstairs (Duke of York's), St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-565 5000). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 3.30pm

MRS WARREN'S PROFESSION: Maggie Steed in the title role, with Catherine Cusack as her outraged daughter in Neil Bartlett's strongly cast production of Shaw's 1893 shocker
Lyric, King St, W6 (0181-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Sat, 2.30pm. Ⓢ

☐ **TALKING HEADS** Transfer of the Chichester sell-out production of Maggie Smith and Margaret Tyzack performing two monologues written and directed by Alan Bennett.
Comedy, Panton St, SW1 (0171-369 1731). Opens tonight, 8pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm.

☐ **UNCLE VANYA:** Bill Bryden's starry Chichester cast: Frances Barber, Constance Cummings, Trevor Eve, Derek Jacobi, Peggy Mount, Imogen Stubbs and Richard Johnson.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. Until November 16.

■ **WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF?** Diana Rigg and David Suchet in Howard Davies's staging of Albee's most famous play. With Clare Holman and Lloyd Owen.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Sat, 3pm. Until October 26.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (0171-369 1733) . . ◪ **Buddy** Strand (0171-930 8800) . . ☐ **An Ideal Husband** Old Vic (0171-928 7616) ◪ **An Inspector Calls:** Garrick (0171-494 5085) . . . ☐ **Jolson:** Victoria Palace (0171-834 1317) . . ◪ **Les Misérables:** Palace (0171-434 0909) . . . ◪ **Miss Saigon:** Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) . . ☐ **The Mousetrap,** St Martin's (0171-836 1443) . . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

BOSTON KICKOUT (18): School leavers seek good times in Stevenage. Lively debut feature by director Paul Hills, with John Simm and Emer McCourt
ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Virgin Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031)

BREAKING THE WAVES (18): Lars Von Trier's extraordinary melodrama about a naive Scottish girl (Emily Watson, wonderful) giving her all to an oil-rig worker. With Stellan Skarsgård
Barbican Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Gate** Ⓢ (0171-727 4043) **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527)

DRAGONHEART (PG): Patchwork medieval fantasy about a knight and a dragon with Sean Connery's voice. With Dennis Quaid; director, Rob Cohen
Empire Ⓢ (0990 888 990) Ⓢ **MGM Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031)

A GOOFY MOVIE (U): Modest cartoon feature aimed at small fry, the first to star the daffy dog from Disney's shorts. Director, Kevin Lima
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NOTHING PERSONAL (15): Uncompromising drama about sectarian violence in Belfast. Strong performances by Ian Hart, John Lynch and James Frain. Director, Thaddeus O'Sullivan
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TIN CUP (15): Pleasing comedy about a reckless golfer (Kevin Costner) trying for the US Open. With Rene Russo, Don Johnson. Director, Ron Shelton.
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TWO DAYS IN THE VALLEY (18): Smartly cast thriller with Danny Aiello and James Spader as hitmen in the San Fernando Valley. Director, John Herzfeld
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THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS (PG): Hit-and-miss adaptation of the children's classic, with Terry Jones as Toad and Eric Idle as Rat. Jones also directs
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◆ **JUDE** (15): Vigorously depressing version of Hardy's novel about dashed hopes and illicit love, with Christopher Eccleston and Kate Winslet.
ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Haymarket** (01426 915353) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

BLOOD SIMPLE (18): Welcome revival of the Coen brothers' debut feature, made in 1983; a film noir homage made with cold-blooded verve. With John Getz and Frances McDormand.
MGM Piccadilly (0171-437 3561)

LA REGLE DU JEU (PG): New print of Renoir's 1939 masterpiece, a wonderful portrait of French society. With Marcel Dalio and Nora Gregor
MGM Swiss Centre (0171-439 4470)

OPERA: An ENO favourite disappoints; Clonter Opera for All means what it says

Foxy lady is showing her age

The Cunning Little Vixen
Coliseum

THE David Pountney production of Janáček's opera is now an incredible 16 years old. It has been in the ENO repertory for half that time, and is as much a Coliseum classic as Jonathan Miller's mafioso *Rigoletto*. Within Maria Bjørnson's enchanting designs, its childlike vision of the eternal cycle of nature remains so fresh, so true, so funny, so touching, that you can hardly imagine the piece being better done.

So it should be enough to say that it is back in the repertory, but it is not, quite. The lighting on Friday was pretty crude — Bjørnson deserves better. The original choreographer, Stuart Hopps, was again in charge of the revival, and the many newcomers to the cast seemed to be obediently doing their moves by numbers rather than feeling or living them. And with up to 20 children involved, there is always a danger of the action tipping over into mere rompishness, a danger not entirely avoided at the Vixen's wedding feast.

Lesley Garrett has made the title role very much her own. She sings words as incisively as she sings notes, and moves like a dream, embodying an Earth Spirit quite as potent as Wedekind's Lulu. She does not age as willingly as some of her predecessors: she may wear a pinnie and bedroom slippers in the last act, but is readier for a bit more bopping than for death. Yet her gasp of surprise when felled by the Poacher's bullet remains an epic moment. Susan Parry is her new Dog Fox, always a tricky role for a mezzo in that it goes (and stays) high; conversely Keith Latham, singing his first Forester, sounds happier in the high-flying, rapturous finale than in the lower, grouchier early scenes.

In a strong company show, Adrian Thompson (Schoolmaster), Andrew Greenan (Parson) and Andrew Slater (Poacher) work hard and successfully to get the words across, and Catherine Savory (Innkeeper's Wife) knows she has one of the most important lines in the piece — "she's got a new muff" — and makes damned sure you hear it.

Again, there have been tidier orchestral performances than Friday's under Richard Hickox, but the spirit was certainly there and he took much care with balance. This *Vixen* is still a marvellous show, but could easily be just that bit more marvellous.

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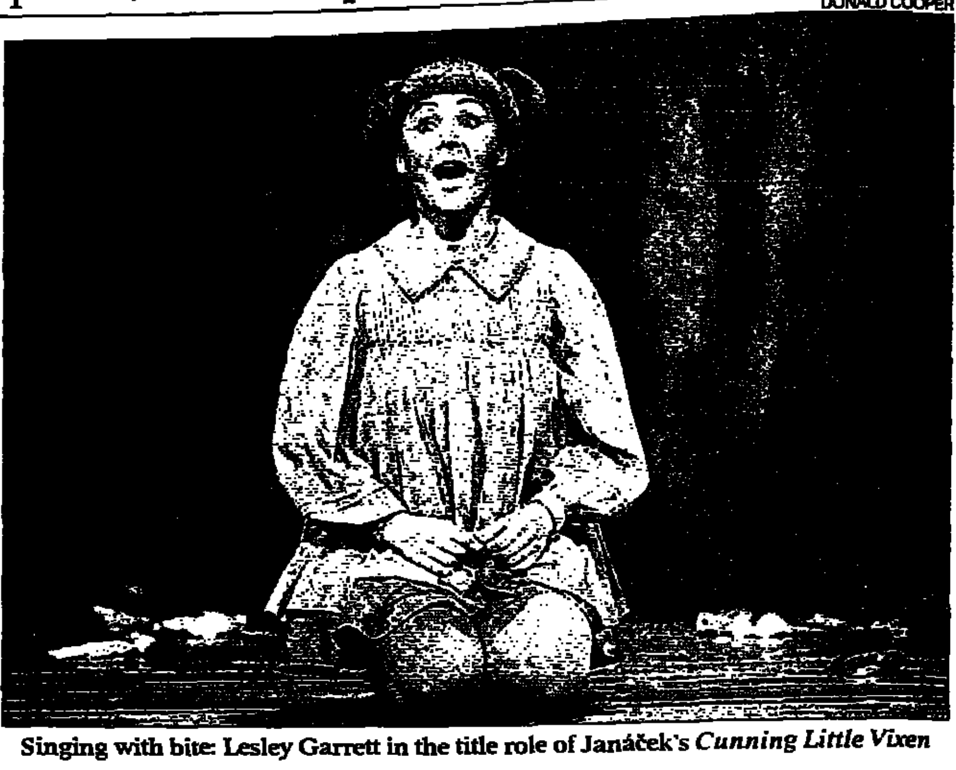

Singing with bite: Lesley Garrett in the title role of Janáček's *Cunning Little Vixen*

Potent populist potion

The Elixir of Love
Britten Theatre

USUALLY the Britten Theatre, within the Royal College of Music, rings with the sound of Italian, French, German, even Russian: the London Opera Schools believe in original-language opera, and even subtitles are scorned. But this was *The Elixir of Love*, not *L'elisir d'amore*: this was the annual London visit of Clonter Opera for All — and it means what it says.

For 22 years Clonter Opera has been touring, workshopping and offering singers embarking on a professional career just the sort of guidance and experience they need. Jamie Hayes's production, set between two giant sunflowers, and happily less frenetically busy than usual, freed the singers to give of their best. James Kelleher's steady direction in the pit, conducting the Millennium Sinfonia with its fine team of chamber-musical soloists, did likewise.

Poor Nemoriano was entrusted with tending the sunflowers, as if being lovesick were not bad enough. And we cared, too, because Christoph Wittman's tenor was so rich in character, so sweet and supple of tone.

A drum-roll from the back of the stalls announced the arrival of Sergeant Belcore (Gavin Taylor in stentorian baritone voice) with no end of little toy-soldier images of himself. He bestowed one or two on the gullible Adina (a radiant Franzita Whelan) and decorated Nick Barnes's set with the rest.

It was Dulcamara (Peter Mulloy, a formidable vocal wit) who provided the marionettes who danced to his own little Barcarolle, much to the delight of Tara Harrison's bright-eyed, bright-voiced Gianetta — who could clearly see the way things were going. No more London performances for the time being, but watch out for Clonter's own direction when they are next on the road.

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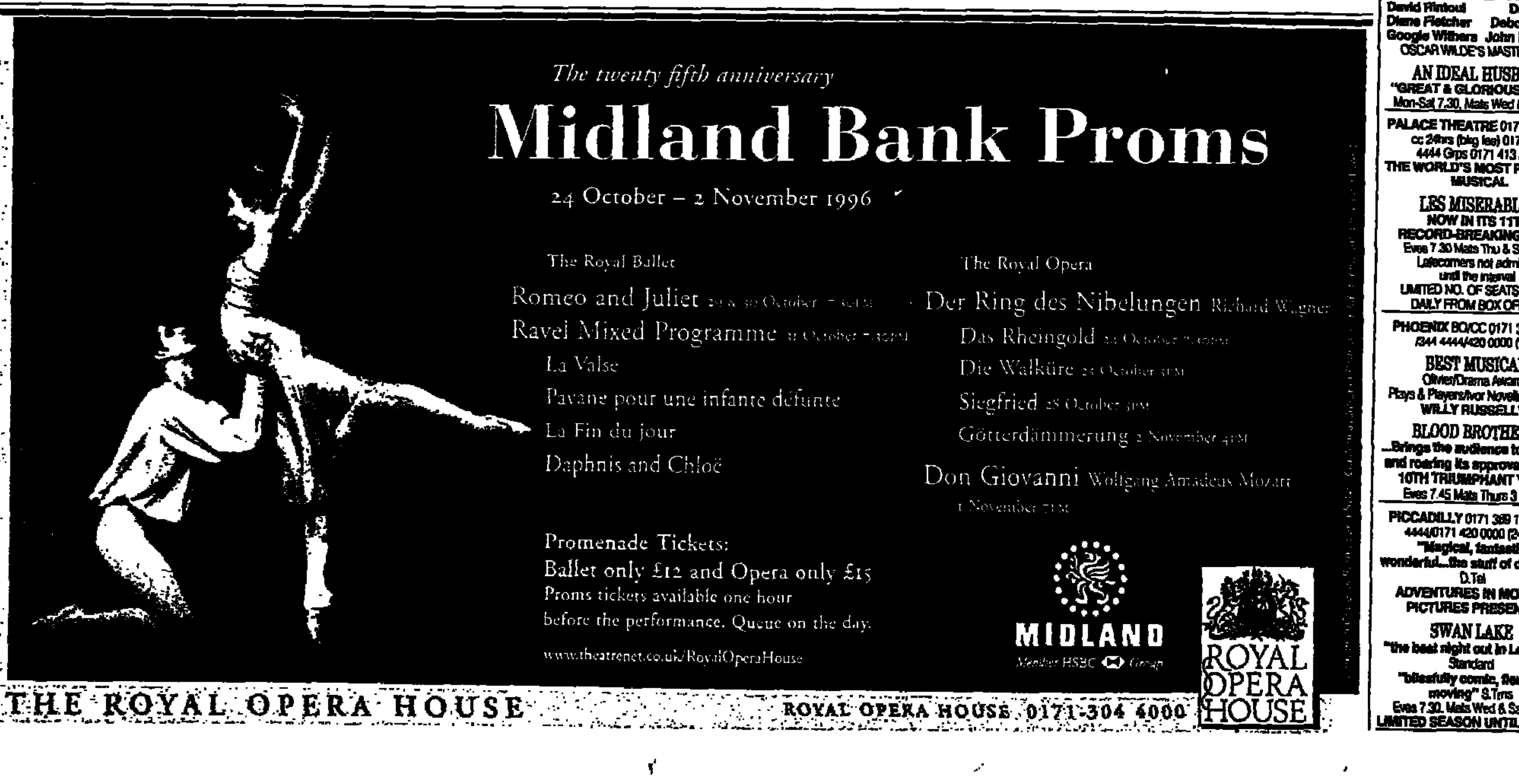

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'This is only the start'

Lord Mackay of Clashfern, above, explains proposals for a better-targeted, best-value legal aid system

ROBIN MAYES

A woman approaches T.V. Edwards, East End solicitors, in search of legal aid: is the present system out of control?

The latest figures for legal aid spending show an increase of 10 per cent in the year to August. The nature of the present scheme makes it impossible precisely to control the amount spent. But what is certain is that we cannot afford to go on spending more and more on legal aid.

Like the members of the public polled in a recent Law Society survey, I believe that legal aid plays a vital role in helping people to get justice. But there must be radical change to create a better targeted and more flexible legal aid system that can meet the challenges of the future.

In July we set out in the White paper, *Striking the Balance*, our plans for reforming legal aid in England and Wales. Since then we have been laying the foundations for our reforms. We intend to make progress in careful stages, piloting the changes and consulting widely to make sure that we get the details right.

Our reforms have four main objectives: to control the total cost of legal aid, to increase value for money, to target appropriate services on the most deserving cases, and to ensure fair treatment for everyone involved. We will do this in several ways.

For the first time, legal aid will have a predetermined budget. We are widening the scope of this scheme to bring in new types of services, such as advice agencies. We can do this only because the prospect of controlling the overall cost allows us to do so.

Legal aid will be targeted to take account of national priorities and local needs, on the advice of independent regional legal services committees. Most legally aided services will be provided under contracts. Budgets and contracts will be flexible and the contracting process will be organised so that money cannot simply run out.

There will be a new test for deciding whether civil cases should get legal aid.

We also propose a package of changes to the financial qualifications for legal aid. These will ensure that the scheme is fair to those on legal aid, their opponents and the taxpayer. More people will be expected to pay towards their cases. This will encourage them to think carefully and responsibly about the action they intend to take. But people who cannot afford to pay for legal aid will still receive the support they need from the public purse.

Our plans are not designed to cut the present level of spending on legal aid. Rather, they will ensure that available resources stretch further to help more people and are targeted at those with the greatest need, as well as giving control from year to year of the amount to be spent.

The White Paper set out a four to five-year programme for implementing the changes. This involves developing contracts to cover all the different types of legal aid, as well as a series of measures immediately to improve the operation of the current scheme. We can do much of this under the existing Legal Aid Act, and work has already begun.

Gary Streeter, the Parliamentary Secretary, and I, as well as officials from our department, have started detailed discussions with representatives of the legal profession and other potential providers of legal aid. The Parliamentary Secretary also intends to visit a number of local Law Societies around the country to discuss implementing the reforms.

We will soon be placing advertisements for people to chair the new regional legal services committees. The committees will begin their work by April, 1997.

The Legal Aid Board has been piloting contracts with voluntary advice agencies for more than a year. In August it published for consultation its proposals for the second phase of that pilot. By December, the board will be in a position to invite formal applications and new contracts will be in place during the first half of 1997.

These will be followed by contracts with private solicitors firms to provide legally aided advice and assistance. Earlier this month, the board appointed researchers to assist with this pilot, and it intends to publish proposals early next year. The first contracts should begin around the middle of 1997.

The pilot for contracts with family mediators will follow much the same timetable. The proposals should be available for consultation by Christmas.

The board has also already begun work on two more pilots. These will look at one-off contracts for very expensive cases, starting with multiparty actions, and contracts to provide duty solicitor cover at police stations and magistrates courts.

A system of graduated standard fees for Crown Court advocates has been settled and will come into force in January. It comes after the successful introduction of standard fees in the Crown Court in 1986 and the magistrates' courts in 1993.

In July I started consultation on standard fees for advocates in civil cases and litigators in family cases. Standard fees help not only to control costs under the existing scheme as an interim measure but also to meet any desire to provide a quicker, more certain payment system. They also prepare the way for the introduction of fixed-price contracts.

I have introduced measures to strengthen the arrangements for means testing apparently wealthy applicants for legal aid. A special investigations unit is already operating in civil cases and will expand to cover criminal cases.

We had made a good start on a long and complex programme. The activities I have described are only the beginning but they show the Government is committed to careful progress and consultation. We remain determined to make the necessary changes to the legal aid scheme and look forward to pressing ahead with the reforms.

● *The author is Lord Chancellor.*

Judging the right to a fair trial

Yesterday in Strasbourg, the European Court of Human Rights heard oral argument in *Gregory v The United Kingdom*, an important case concerning alleged racial bias by a member of a jury.

In November 1991, David Gregory was tried at Manchester Crown Court on charges of robbery. Gregory is black. While the jury were considering their verdict, one juror sent a note to the judge. It said: "Jury showing racial overtones. One member to be excused." The judge redirected the jury to decide the case on the evidence, and to put any prejudice out of their minds. Three hours later, the jury convicted the defendant by a majority verdict — ten votes to two. He was jailed for six years.

Gregory contends that there was a breach of Article 6 (l) of the European Convention on Human Rights, which guarantees the right to a fair hearing before an impartial tribunal. He argues that the note was evidence that the jury was not impartial, and that the judge should either have discharged the jury or, at least, made inquiries as to the facts.

COUNSEL

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The European Commission of Human Rights (the lower judicial body in Strasbourg) found against Gregory by eight votes to three last year. The majority decision concluded that the trial judge had carefully directed the jury to avoid bias, and that this, together with the absence of any further difficulty before the verdict was given, sufficed to dispel any legitimate doubts about the impartiality of the jurors.

Before the European Court, Gregory relies on a judgment given by them in April in a similar case of *Remli v France*. The applicant, a French national of Algerian origin, attempted to escape from prison by attacking a warder who subsequently died from the blows received. During the applicant's trial for intentional homicide in 1989, he complained to the Rhone Assize Court that immediately before the proceedings one of the jurors had made a remark, "What's more, I'm a racist", which had been overheard by a person unconnected with the case. The Assize Court took no action. The applicant was convicted, and sentenced to life imprisonment.

By five votes to four, the European Court upheld Remli's complaint that there had been a breach of his right to a fair trial. The majority concluded that Article 6 (l) "imposes an obligation on every national court to check whether, as constituted, it is an impartial tribunal" where that is "disputed on a ground that does not immediately appear to be manifestly devoid of merit". The Assize Court had made no such check. It had deprived MRemli of the possibility of securing a remedy for a situation which may have been contrary to the requirements of the Convention. The European Court added that the finding of a violation of Article 6 (l) was a sufficient remedy, with the addition that France had to pay the costs of the proceedings in Strasbourg. The court said that it had no jurisdiction to order a retrial.

The four dissenting judges argued that the applicant could not establish any reasonable likelihood that the alleged remark was decisive as to Remli's guilt. The complaint was "trivial". Taken out of a context whose details and particular circumstances were unknown, it "might only have been a joke" (as the French Government, somewhat surprisingly, had submitted).

Racism, in a jury or elsewhere, is no laughing matter. The serious point the European Court will be considering in Gregory's case is whether Article 6 (l) obliges the trial judge to *investigate* a complaint of racism, or whether other steps may suffice to ensure that the tribunal's impartiality is maintained.

The court is likely to conclude that, depending on the facts of a particular case, Article 6 (l) can be satisfied by something less than a judicial investigation of alleged racism. The defect in *Remli* was that the domestic court chose to ignore the matter, without considering the evidence submitted to it, on "the purely formal ground" that it was not able to take note of events alleged to have occurred outside its presence.

By contrast, in *Gregory* the trial judge took immediate steps to emphasise to the jurors their obligation to decide the case on the evidence. Though this (of itself) could not ensure that each juror would act properly, there was no further incident prior to the delivery of the verdict.

The failure of other recent challenges to the impartiality of British juries illustrates the difficulties faced by Gregory.

In February, in *Hardiman*, the European Commission of Human Rights rejected a complaint by a convicted defendant that a trial had been unfair because a female juror sent a note to counsel for one of the other defendants (who was acquitted) asking him to have a drink with her. And in June, the European Court held in *Pullar* (again by five votes to four) that there had been no breach of Article 6 (l) in a criminal trial in Perth, Tayside, where a junior employee of a company served as a juror even though one of his firm's partners was a principal prosecution witness.

● *The author is a practising barrister and a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford.*

INNS AND OUTS

Equality creeps nearer

THE PROSPECT of the first woman to lead the Bar has emerged with the election of Heather Hallett, QC, as its vice-chairman for 1997. Ms Hallett, who is married to a barrister, in 1989 became a QC and also a Crown Court recorder. She specialises in criminal law and was appointed a deputy High Court judge in 1995, the year she was elected leader of the South Eastern circuit.

Robert Owen, QC, the current vice-chairman, has been elected unopposed as chairman.

Hallett: on the ladder

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Date set

A DATE has finally been set for the long-awaited inquiry by the Home Affairs Select Committee into Freemasonry in the police and judiciary. Oral evidence will be taken in January and written submissions must be in this year.

Chris Mullin, the Labour MP, caused a stir last year when he demanded the inquiry. Some observers saw the committee's agreement as a sop to Mr Mullin, who didn't see many of his proposals for reforming judicial appointments included in the MPs' final report.

Lost to golf

LARGE numbers of City solicitors who would like to be judges are being lost to the "golf course" because of current recruitment procedures. A survey by the Law Society found that 70 per cent of City solicitors would be interested, but only if civil justice reforms proposed by Lord Woolf enabled them to take up more suitable positions, with more flexibility in training requirements.

At present, they have to do up to four years as a part-time recorder, nearly always on criminal work — an area most City lawyers don't work in. Martin Roberts, who compiled the survey, said: "It is a tragedy that the large pool of highly talented specialists likely to be retiring from City practices in their fifties will be heading for the golf course instead of the judge's bench."

SCRIVENOR

Legal horses for courses

CHRISTOPHER CLARKE, QC, and 16 other members of his set at Brick Court, off Fleet Street, London, are celebrating after spectacular recent successes with their sponsored horses, Legal Democrat and Legal Jaguar. At Wembley they achieved two firsts: Legal Democract won the Prix St Georges one night and the Intermédiaire the next, and finished second in the Intermédiaire Kur the night after. Legal Jaguar, who is much younger, came third in the Novice Class at the National Championships three weeks ago. Both horses are trained and ridden by Carl Hester, the British Olympic rider.

This was the only British win in dressage. William Wood, a member of chambers, said: "What was most satisfactory was that Legal Democrat was winning against Dutch and German opposition, which has been beating us in recent years. We are all hoping that with this kind of result, and with proper backing, British riders and horses will be properly competitive at the European championships in Germany next summer and ultimately in Sydney in 2000. If we can set some kind of precedent, and bring other lawyers and professionals into the sport, it will have been worthwhile."

Hestor on Legal Democrat

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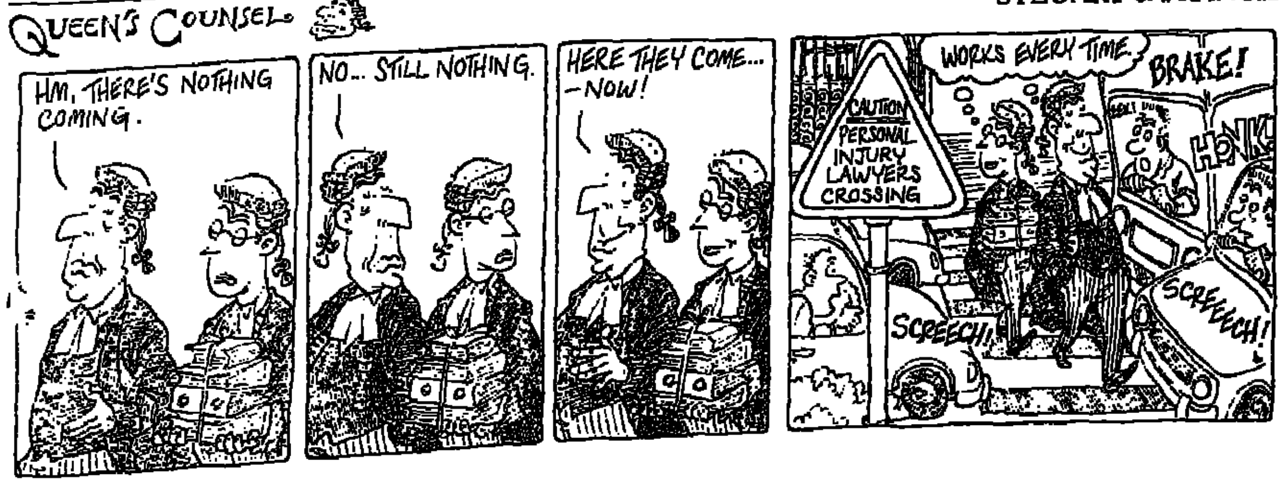
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Can the law stop stalkers?

Action is easy to promise but may be less easy to achieve. **Neil Addison** reports on the Government's proposals

A series of high-profile "stalking" prosecutions has pushed the crime right up the political agenda. Michael Howard has now pledged new laws to tackle the problem.

The Home Secretary told a conference organised by the Suzy Lamplugh Trust last week that he plans two new criminal offences: the use of words or behaviour, on more than one occasion, which would put a victim in fear of violence (to carry up to five years' jail or an unlimited fine or both): or the use of words of behaviour on more than one occasion which would cause the victim to be harassed, alarmed or distressed (carrying up to six months' jail or a £5,000 fine or both.)

In addition, he plans a new civil remedy, when words or behaviour are used more than once that would cause the victim to be harassed, alarmed or distressed. Courts would have power to make restraining orders after conviction of either of the two criminal offences and a breach of the order itself would be a criminal offence.

Action is easy to promise but may be less easy to attain. The Government has recognised the difficulties of making stalking a specific offence. A broadly drawn offence could catch legitimate journalists, debt collectors or even divorced fathers trying to see their children, while a narrowly drawn offence would make little improvement on the existing law.

Will the offences be so widely cast that they catch the kind of behaviour that does not amount to stalking? In both cases, there must be an intention to cause fear or alarm, or circumstances must be such that a reasonable person would realise that fear or alarm would result.

But there may be borderline cases in which behaviour is distressing to one person but not to others.

The creation of a tort of "molestation" enabling stalking victims to obtain injunctions in theory seems a good idea. But stalking victims can obtain injunctions already: certainly Diana, Princess of Wales had no problem. However, the victim has to obtain the injunction him or herself and has to pay for the lawyers. For most victims of stalking, the financial and emotional cost may be unaffordable.

The police find civil injunctions *frustrating since they usually have no power of arrest for a breach.* The Government's proposals suggest the possibility of making breach of a *molestation injunction* an arrestable criminal offence and allowing the police the power to apply for these injunctions. But this *raises the question, why only this* type of injunction? People with equally valid but different injunctions will be entitled to wonder why the police are not enforcing *their injunctions.*

The Government's basic idea of using court orders is sensible because these can be precisely tailored to deal with individual circumstances. But the civil courts do not have the necessary safeguards regarding admissibility of evidence or trial by jury; nor do police/CPS prepare their evidence in a way required by the civil courts. Stalking is a criminal law public order problem and should be dealt with by the criminal law agencies, not the civil law.

A good model is provided by S.810 of the Canadian Criminal Code. When Canadian police receive complaints of threatening or stalking behaviour, they can apply to a magistrate for the offender to be made subject to a "peace bond". The police make the application and the Crown Prosecutor handles the court appearances. The victim is treated as a *victim* not a party to litigation.

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A peace bond is essentially an injunction ordering the offender not to contact the victim again and prohibiting him or her from going near the house or workplace of the victim. They are orders of the criminal not the civil courts and are governed by the criminal code, not the civil law.

They do not count as a conviction but they are recorded with the police and if the offender breaks the terms of the order, then he or she can be arrested and prosecuted for the specific offence of breaching the criminal courts' order.

We are not short of criminal offences in England and Wales. Perhaps what we need is not another offence, but a new system, similar to that in Canada, for dealing with persistent objectionable behaviour. Giving magistrates' courts specific power to grant restraining orders (not injunctions) where magistrates are satisfied that police have reasonable fears for someone's safety would be a sensible way of dealing with such situations. Giving magistrates and Crown Courts powers to grant such orders as part of their normal sentencing powers and making breach of such orders a specific arrestable criminal offence would also be sensible.

● *The author is a barrister in private practice.*

Chris Sallon, QC, and **Nick Lavender** on CPS prosecutors

If justice is not seen to be fair

Nikita Khrushchev once observed that politicians will promise to build bridges even where there is no river. The Government's declared intention to extend rights of audience in the Crown Court to lawyers employed by the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) is both an empty and dangerous political gesture. The impartiality of the criminal justice system would be at risk and there is no justification for change.

There has been a state prosecution service in England for ten years. The CPS was set up to prepare all prosecutions for trial, and to conduct prosecutions in the magistrates' court. The Government then believed that in the Crown Court, where serious criminal matters are tried before juries, cases should be presented by barristers instructed to represent the prosecution because they brought an objectivity and independence to cases which state employees were unlikely to have.

Nevertheless, the CPS soon started asking for the right to conduct Crown Court prosecutions. It was argued that this would raise the low level of morale within the service, created by chronic underfunding, inadequate levels of staffing and a high rate of attrition in a burgeoning bureaucracy.

While these problems persist, recent changes in the law relating to the disclosure of evidence to the defence make a prosecutor's independence crucial. The Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996 is heavily biased towards the prosecution and allows it to decide what material should be disclosed to the defence, with no sanctions if a prosecutor fails to act properly. The trial judge's power to supervise the discovery has all but been removed. This diluted duty of disclosure is bound to give rise to a conflict of interest, since the performance of CPS employees is subject to annual appraisal and their career prospects depend at least in part on their "success rate". This was

Barbara Mills, QC: change

certainly the view of the Council of Circuit Judges which concluded: "We do not see how an employed advocate can avoid being placed in the position at some time of having to consider whether his future employment would be imperilled by full disclosure."

Many feel that the CPS would do better to concentrate on the job it was set up to do. Research conducted for the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice found that in 1993 more than 8,000 cases taken to the Crown Court were dismissed by the judge in circumstances where the dismissal was "certainly or possibly foreseeable". Even the Lord Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Legal Education and Conduct has expressed concern about the performance of the CPS. It has advised no fewer than three times against allowing CPS employees to appear in the Crown Court.

Barbara Mills, QC, the Director of Public Prosecutions, has consistently pressed for change, promising that CPS advocates will be used according to the criteria of cost, efficiency and experience. But as Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC, Labour's Shadow Lord Chancellor, pointed out at last month's Bar Conference, no analysis comparing the cost of in-house lawyers with that of independent advocates has been undertaken. As for efficiency and experience, it might be wiser to await the results of a survey by the National Audit Office on the performance of the CPS, due to come before Parliament next year.

Meanwhile, the position in the CPS goes from bad to worse. Earlier this year all CPS lawyers were offered voluntary redundancy. This has resulted in a further reduction of staff levels, already perilously low. In May a motion passed by the CPS section of the Association of First Division Civil Servants expressed the view that it could no longer properly serve the interests of justice because of the way the CPS is being run. It has also commissioned a MORI poll intended to look at, among other things, morale within the service. This has been opposed by the DPP who *feels it would be unrepresentative* and undermine a poll of her own. This has led to a formal complaint by the director of MORI to Sir Robin Butler, Head of the Home Civil Service.

The final decision — believed to be imminent — rests with five senior judges: the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Chief Justice, the Master of the Rolls, the Vice-Chancellor and the President of the Family Division. One hopes they will not approve a proposal which could have profound and adverse consequences for the independence of our criminal justice system.

● *The authors are practising barristers.*

Fresh vistas for paralegals

A LEADING law firm has opened up a career stucture for paralegals which will scrap the dead-end job of "managing clerk". *Frances Gibb writes.*

Davies Arnold Cooper has developed a scheme to allow legal executives the chance to be involved as partners, even though they are not qualified as solicitors. Where the work of a legal executive is rated to be that which would earn a qualified solicitor partnership status, then they will be remunerated at a higher level and take part in partners' meetings.

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Law Society rules prohibit non-solicitors being in partnership with solicitors. But this should not be used as an "excuse for artificially restraining those capable of markedly adding value to our practice", David McIntosh, senior partner, says.

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RACING: CANADIAN TRACK GIVES EUROPEANS GROUNDS FOR OPTIMISM IN BREEDERS' CUP

Woodbine provides home comforts

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT AT WOODBINE, TORONTO

ANY partisan heart would skip a beat at the configuration of Woodbine racecourse on the outskirts of this city. It is almost as if the links course at St Andrews had been transplanted for the purposes of the Ryder Cup, immediately handing a precious advantage to the European team. So there can be no excuse for anything other than a strong European showing at the Breeders' Cup meeting here on Saturday.

However, if the American authorities recognised as much when allocating this annual equine pageant to Canada for the first time, it will also acknowledge the fillip for the Breeders' Cup series in general. Toronto has wholeheartedly embraced the concept. The city is alive to the event, which marks a welcome contrast to the ambivalence of New Yorkers 12 months ago. And the plain truth is that the $11 million raceday could do with a shot in the arm.

The willingness of the locals to please will ensure that connections of the 12-strong European raiding party — there are nine from Britain — will take fond memories into Saturday. But success depends entirely on results. Ten of the team will compete on the recently renovated turf course, a 1½-mile circuit with gentle turns and a two-furlong run-in. Couple this with a climate akin to autumnal Britain and the portents could hardly be more favourable. As if to confirm the impression, Mark Of Esteem, favourite for the Mile, had his price trimmed to 11-10 from 11-8 by Coral yesterday.

There are other, less peripheral links between this venue and its British visitors. Woodbine is expecting to eclipse its record attendance, when 40,300 joined the Queen for the 1973 renewal of the Queen's Plate. And Charles Taylor, the primary influence behind Woodbine's successful bid for the Breeders' Cup, could hardly be more of a Europhile. His father, the legendary E. P. Taylor, bred Northern Dancer, the stallion whose influence on the development of European racing remains unparalleled.

Bruce Walker, director of publicity at Woodbine, yesterday paid warm tribute to Taylor's efforts. "He has been instrumental in helping to establish the Breeders' Cup and in securing the event for Woodbine. We were one of the first tracks to apply when the Breeders' Cup was mooted some 15 years ago. We knew we had little chance but we wanted them to know we were supportive. Charles is extremely proud that the day has finally arrived. He is very ill; earlier in the year there was a fear he may not have been with us, but he looks great now."

Northern Dancer's legacy within Europe is evident in that half of the 12 challengers are his direct descendants. With conditions so advantageous, much will depend on the horses enjoying an uneventful journey. They were due to arrive late last night, but the inaugural Breeders' Cup challenger from Japan, Taiki Blizzard, has been ensconsed since Wednesday.

Taiki Blizzard is due to clash with Cigar in the $4 million Classic, but that, it seems, serves only to inspire. "We are afraid of no horse and we will be very confident if the ground is fast on Saturday," Nobutaka Tada, racing manager to the five-year-old's owner, Taiki Farm, said. Strong words indeed, but when you have paid $250,000 just to get your horse here, the least to which you are entitled is to talk a big fight.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: FLAGSHIP
(3.30 Chepstow)
Next best: Montserrat
(4.00 Chepstow)

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Mark Of Esteem was backed yesterday for the Mile

Hopes of increased prize-money dashed by Board

BY RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

RACING'S prospects of receiving a substantial boost to its internationally low prize-money levels were effectively extinguished yesterday by the Government-appointed members of the Horserace Betting Levy Board.

In a submission to the Treasury, Sir John Sparrow, the Levy Board chairman, said the betting shop punter should be the main beneficiary of a 1 per cent cut in betting tax — via lower deductions on wagers — rather than racing.

The influential recommendation by Sir John and his colleagues will be a blow to the aspirations of the British Horseracing Board (BHB), which is seeking a £30 million injection to racing's coffers.

The BHB has proposed that betting duty should be cut from 6.75 per cent to 5 per cent, with 1 per cent going to the punter — thereby helping to boost betting turnover — and 0.75 per cent going to racing.

While Sir John goes along, in theory, with the 5 per cent target, he acknowledges political realities by saying the pressure on Government finances may make such a cut "impossible to achieve immediately".

"If the reduction is not more than 1 per cent, the independent members believe that the benefit should, as last year, be passed directly to punters, and that racing should benefit, via the levy, from the increased turnover and additional margin accruing therefrom," a Levy Board statement said yesterday.

In practical terms that would mean punters' off-course deductions being reduced from 9p to 8p in the pound — while racing would gain around £7 million a year.

With Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, having indicated at the Conservative Party conference that next month's Budget is not going to be dominated by tax cuts, the chances of him cutting betting duty by more than 1 per cent are remote.

However, Sir John has warned that a 1 per cent cut is crucial to prevent further closures of betting shops and the continued erosion of financial support to racing from the Levy Board.

Although such a cut would reduce Government revenue from betting duty by about £40 million, the overall financial impact to the exchequer would be broadly neutral because of turnover, employment and profitability being "substantially restored".

CHEPSTOW

THUNDERER

1.30 Cugina
2.00 Technicolour
2.30 Serious Sensation
3.00 Clan Ben
3.30 Flagship
4.00 **SO INTREPID** (nap)
4.30 Rumbustious
5.00 Sweetness Herself

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:
3.00 CELESTIAL KEY.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 **SERIOUS SENSATION** (nap). 3.30 Perfect Paradigm.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 . B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: SOFT — DRAW: 6F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING — SIS

1.30 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND MEADOW MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (Div I: 2-Y-O: £3,261: 7f 16yd) (16 runners)

101	(16)	5	ARAPI 20 (Hesmonds Stud) M Prescott 8-11	G Duffield	85
102	(9)	0	ATNAB 18 (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-11	R Hills	74
103	(12)		AUNT DAPHNE (Mrs C Lees-Jones) B McMahon 8-11	S Sanders	—
104	(8)	60	CATRIA 18 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-11	G Hind	75
105	(13)		COMIC OPERA (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-11	Pat Eddery	—
106	(10)	06	CUGINA 20 (Miss B Swire) G Balding 8-11	S Drowne	91
107	(11)	0	GORE HILL 20 (S Hinton) M Blanshard 8-11	J Quinn	—
108	(3)	06	LONELY HEART 14 (C Harper) D Chappell 8-11	G Carter	81
109	(5)		MASHKORAH (Mohamed Suhail) R Hannon 8-11	Dane O'Neill	—
110	(7)	2	MY VALENTINA 32 (D Deer) B Hills 8-11	M Hills	[illegible]
111	(15)	0	NICK OF TIME 32 (Mrs D Abbott (Susan Abbott Racing)) J Dunlop 8-11	T Sprake	—
112	(6)	0	QUIBBLING 118 (T Frost) H Candy 8-11	C Rutter	77
113	(1)		SNAPPY GIRL (M Al-Maktoum) M Stoute 8-11	K Fallon	—
114	(2)	05	SOUND APPEAL 48 (R and J Fidler) A Foster 8-11	C Adamson (5)	79
115	(14)		TOI TOI (N Cronin) D Arbuthnot 8-11	S Whitworth	—
116	(4)	3	VENETIAN SCENE 141 (R Green (Fine Paintings)) P Cole 8-11	T Quinn	80

BETTING: 5-2 My Valentina, 4-1 Venetian Scene, 5-1 Snappy Girl, 7-1 Comic Opera, 8-1 Arapi, 10-1 Atnab, 12-1 Mashkorah, 14-1 others.

1995: SKI FOR GOLD 8-11 T Sprake (14-1) J Dunlop 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

ARAPI 4l 5th of 18 to Dacoit in maiden at Salisbury (7f, good to soft) with GORE HILL 22l 16th. CUGINA 4½l 6th of 19 to Entice in maiden at Salisbury (7f, good to soft). LONELY HEART 9¾l 6th of 13 to Dragonada in maiden at Warwick (7f, good to firm). MY VALENTINA 2½l 2nd of 9 to Etoile in conditions race at Newbury (7f, good to firm) with NICK OF TIME 18½l 9th. QUIBBLING 9½l 7th of 8 to Amuhan in maiden at Salisbury (5f, good to firm). VENETIAN SCENE 4½l 3rd of 5 to Cowrie in maiden at Leicester (5f, good to firm).
Selection: MY VALENTINA

2.00 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND MEADOW MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (Div II: 2-Y-O: £3,238: 7f 16yd) (16 runners)

201	(5)		AFTER HOURS (After Hours Partnership) D ffrench Davis 8-11	M Tebbutt	—
202	(11)		BISQUET-DE-BOUCHE (M Brook) R Dickin 8-11	M Roberts	—
203	(7)		ELIZA (G Greenwood) Lord Huntingdon 8-11	D Harrison	—
204	(4)		FREE AS A BIRD (C Mamer) M Channon 8-11	R Hughes	—
205	(15)	30	GIFT TOKEN 27 (Mrs D Ellis) D Chappell 8-11	G Carter	90
206	(12)		GINGER ROGERS (W Ponsonby) D Arbuthnot 8-11	T Quinn	—
207	(8)	0	GOLDEN GODDESS 67 (N Harris) I Balding 8-11	Martin Dwyer (5)	—
208	(14)	00	ISCA MAIDEN 14 (The Welsh Connection) P Hayward 8-11	N Adams	—
209	(10)		KAWA-IB (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-11	R Hills	—
210	(2)		KILMEENA LADY (Mrs J Cleary) J Fox 8-11	A Clark	—
211	(9)	0	MARY CULI 42 (Mrs D Blackburn) H Candy 8-11	C Rutter	—
212	(16)	0	MOCCASIN 108 (P Webber) P Webber 8-11	R Perham	—
213	(13)	26454	ROYAL ORCHID 14 (M Al-Shualfi) R Hannon 8-11	Dane O'Neill	98
214	(1)	36	SUMMEROSA 86 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-11	Pat Eddery	[illegible]
215	(3)		TECHNICOLOUR (Lord Weinstock/Exors S Weinstock) M Stoute 8-11	W R Swinburn	—
216	(6)	0	WOODLAND NYMPH 20 (Woodland Partners) D Murray Smith 8-11	D R McCabe	72

BETTING: 3-1 Summerosa, 4-1 Technicolour, 5-1 Royal Orchid, 7-1 Eliza, 8-1 Free As A Bird, 10-1 Woodland Nymph, 12-1 Mary Culi, 14-1 others

1995: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

FORM FOCUS

GIFT TOKEN 6½l 7th of 15 to White Hot in auction race at Goodwood (7f, good to firm). GOLDEN GODDESS 10l 14th of 19 to Catechism in maiden at Newbury (6f, good). ISCA MAIDEN 16l 14th of 15 to Craigievar in auction maiden at Warwick (6f, good to firm). MOCCASIN 10l 6th of 10 to Union Town in auction maiden at Nottingham (6f, firm). ROYAL ORCHID 6¼l 4th of 13 to Dragonada in maiden at Warwick (7f, good to firm). SUMMEROSA about 4½l 6th of 9 to Head Over Heels in listed race at Newbury (5f, good). WOODLAND NYMPH 18l 12th of 19 to Entice in maiden at Salisbury (7f, good to soft).
Selection: SUMMEROSA

2.30 ANNUAL FLAT v JUMP JOCKEYS CHALLENGE HANDICAP (£2,379: 7f 16yd) (12 runners)

301	(7)	003120	EMBANKMENT 23 (F,S) (Lady Tennant) R Hannon 6-11-10	C Maude (5)	[illegible]
302	(10)	120015	YEOMAN OLIVER 52 (BF,G) (M Stokes) B McMahon 3-11-8	J A McCarthy (5)	93
303	(5)	020050	BRIGHTON ROAD 53 (D,S) (J Sargood) G Balding 3-11-8	T Williams	91
304	(12)	240602	BOLD STREET 3 (B,D,G,S) (Codan Trust Ltd) A Bailey 6-11-4	W Marston (5)	92
305	(4)	212533	SERIOUS SENSATION 78 (G) (G Moore) M Prescott 3-11-3	M Hills	98
306	(8)	100222	MELLORS 65 (BF,G) (BBA Fortune In Mind Partners) J Toller 3-11-2	T Sprake	96
307	(2)	663104	MEMPHIS BEAU 20 (B,F) (Blandford Thoroughbreds) J Toller 3-11-0	G Upton (5)	98
308	(6)	22-2333	JIMMY THE SKUNK 57 (D,F,G,S) (T Gallienne) P Evans 5-11-0	R Hills	—
309	(11)	504040	PEARL DAWN 7 (F,G) (Mrs E Kepp) G L Moore 6-11-0	J Frost (5)	97
310	(1)	000600	SUE ME 118 (S) (Mrs J Seadon) W Muir 4-10-13	B Clifford (5)	90
311	(3)	334-540	BELZAO 118 (J Mitchell) D Elsworth 3-10-12	T Quinn	97
312	(9)	F02000	MILOS 25 (D,F,G) (R Popely) T Naughton 5-10-12	G Duffield	97

BETTING: 3-1 Serious Sensation, 4-1 Embankment, 5-1 Mellors, 6-1 Jimmy The Skunk, 8-1 Memphis Beau, 10-1 Bold Street, 12-1 Yeoman Oliver, 14-1 others

1995: JIBEREEN 3-11-10 D Murphy (3-1 fav) G Lewis 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

EMBANKMENT 9l 7th of 25 to Aeroal Aleeb in handicap at Ascot (1m, good). YEOMAN OLIVER beat Eccentric Dancer 2½l in 8-runner claimer at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 1f 79yd) on penultimate start.
BOLD STREET 1l 2nd of 12 to Imposing Time in handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 6f). SERIOUS SENSATION 3¾l 3rd of 18 to Sea Danzig in handicap at Lingfield (7f, good). MELLORS neck 2nd of 8 to Crystal Heights in handicap at Brighton (6f, firm) on penultimate start. MEMPHIS BEAU 7¾l 4th of 8 to Misrule in conditions race at Brighton (1m, good to firm). BELZAO 14¾l 4th of 7 to Labeed in conditions race at Bath (1m 3f 144yd, good to firm) on penultimate start. MILOS about 7¾l 8th to Densben in claiming handicap at Haydock (6f, good) last time.
Selection: EMBANKMENT

3.00 SPINNEY CONDITIONS STAKES (£5,054: 1m 14yd) (13 runners)

401	(1)	01-1040	NIGHT CITY 31 (CD,S) (Dexam International Ltd) Lady Herries 5-9-8	D O'Shea	87
402	(6)	014560	WELTON ARSENAL 3 (F,G) (Buckness Farms) M Channon 4-9-6	R Hughes	77
403	(2)	0-54302	CELESTIAL KEY 12 (D,F,G) (M Brodrick) M Johnston 6-9-0	M Roberts	[illegible]
404	(4)	012505	CHICKAWICKA 3 (C,F,G,S) (Merthyr Motor Auctions) B Palling 5-9-0	T Sprake	83
405	(8)	355200	CLAN BEN 17 (B,D,F,S) (Angus Dundee Plc) H Cecil 4-9-0	Pat Eddery	89
406	(7)	003000	MOMENTS OF FORTUNE 17 (B,D,F,G) (A Ali) B Hanbury 4-9-0	J Stack	94
407	(10)		CHAI-YO 208J (N Viney) J Old 6-8-11	E Greehy (7)	—
408	(13)	1-20365	FLYFISHER 31 (G) (A Balzarini & Highclere T'bred) G Lewis 3-8-11	W R Swinburn	88
409	(11)	5400-00	ALESSIA 137 (S) (D Deer) W Muir 4-8-9	K Fallon	70
410	(9)	4-S0500	DEE-LADY 13 (F) (Mrs M Teversham) W G M Turner 4-8-9	D Sweeney (7)	78
411	(12)	10-5000	STREET KENDRA 114 (D,G) (L Alvarez Cervera) B Smart 4-8-9	M Tebbutt	—
412	(3)	00-0040	ZACAROON 29 (G) (C Harradine) J Ffitch-Heyes 5-8-9	D Harrison	—
413	(5)	103-300	AGNELLA 35 (G) (B Pennick) G L Moore 3-8-6	G Duffield	74

BETTING: 2-1 Celestial Key, 4-1 Night City, 6-1 Flyfisher, 7-1 Welton Arsenal, Clan Ben, 10-1 Moments Of Fortune, Chickawicka, 12-1 others.

1995: NIGHT CITY 4-9-0 S Whitworth (3-1) Lady Herries 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

NIGHT CITY 2½l 4th of 8 to Louis Queen in conditions race at Newbury (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start. CELESTIAL KEY ½l 2nd of 7 to Verzen in handicap at York (7f, good) with WELTON ARSENAL (14lb worse off) 9¼l 6th.
CHICKAWICKA about 2½l 5th of 22 to Mazzanotte in handicap at Newmarket (7f, good) with WELTON ARSENAL (1lb worse off) 5l 12th. CLAN BEN best recent effort 6l 2nd of 11 to Ninia in handicap at Epsom (1m 2f, good to firm). MOMENTS OF FORTUNE 11l 14th of 38 to Clifton Fox in handicap at Newmarket (1m 1f, good to firm) with CLAN BEN (1lb better off) 5l 23rd. FLYFISHER 16¾l 5th of 7 to Key To My Heart in listed race at Ayr (1m 3f, good to firm). AGNELLA well beaten last of 9 to Fatefully in handicap at Sandown (1m 14yd, good to firm) last time.
Selection: CELESTIAL KEY (nap)

3.30 PAT EDDERY 200-IN-A-SEASON MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,076: 1m 14yd) (20 runners)

501	(4)	6	BIG BANG 57 (The Rules Partnership) M Blanshard 9-0	J Quinn	90
502	(10)	6	BRYNKIR 20 (The 96 Partnership) D Murray Smith 9-0	D Harrison	75
503	(14)	4	CORINTHIAN 20 (Highclere Thoroughbred Ltd) R Hannon 9-0	Pat Eddery	85
504	(19)	5	DRUMGOR PRINCE 18 (A Turnbull) A Jarvis 9-0	J Fortune	86
505	(9)	0	EURO SUPERSTAR 54 (Eurostrad Ltd) S Dow 9-0	S Sanders	—
506	(11)	4	MALIK 33 (B) (Godolphin) S bin Suroor 9-0	R Hills	88
507	(13)		MONTFORT (Sir George Meyrick) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	—
508	(1)	0	ORTELIUS 34 (J Wright) R Hannon 9-0	Dane O'Neill	77
509	(12)	0	PERCY ISLE 21 (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0	W R Swinburn	96
510	(3)	02	PERFECT PARADIGM 15 (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0	G Hind	[illegible]
511	(6)		RAMIKE (Miss B Lee) M Johnston 9-0	M Hills	—
512	(17)	0	REGAL REPRIMAND 14 (The Voice Group) G Lewis 9-0	S Whitworth	88
513	(15)	0	RONQUISTA D'OR 66 (D Drury) G Ham 9-0	N Adams	—
514	(8)	5	SAUSALITO BAY 20 (BF) (J Smith) I Balding 9-0	K Fallon	77
515	(2)		SWING WEST (M Arbib) P Cole 9-0	C Rutter	—
516	(18)		WELLAKI (Mohammed Bin Hendi) J Gosden 9-0	A McGlone	—
517	(7)	4	WESLEY'S LAD 22 (J Williams Transport Ltd) J Neville 9-0	A Clark	79
518	(16)	2	FLAGSHIP 20 (R Hollingsworth) W Hern 8-9	T Sprake	98
519	(5)		MISS MEZZANINE (M Kirby) E Wheeler 8-9	A Daly (5)	—
520	(20)		NIGHT MIRAGE (G Middlebrook) M Johnston 8-9	M Roberts	—

BETTING: 3-1 Malik, 4-1 Flagship, 5-1 Perfect Paradigm, 6-1 Percy Isle, Corinthian, 8-1 Wellaki, 10-1 Night Mirage, 12-1 Montfort, Sausalito Bay, 14-1 others.

1995: CLASSIC EAGLE 9-0 A Mackay (5-1) S Williams 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

BIG BANG about 10l 6th of 7 to Al Azhar in maiden over course and distance (good). DRUMGOR PRINCE about 7¾l 5th of 11 to Future Perfect in maiden at Haydock (7f, soft).
MALIK 10¾l 4th of 15 to High Roller in maiden at Yarmouth (1m, good to firm) with PERFECT PARADIGM 5¾l 8th. PERCY ISLE about 8¼l 7th to Acas in maiden at Newmarket (1m, good). PERFECT PARADIGM 3l 2nd of 10 to Silver Patriarch in maiden at Pontefract (1m 2f, good). REGAL REPRIMAND 6½l 7th of 11 to Indiyali in maiden at Warwick (7f, good to firm).
WESLEY'S LAD about 15½l 4th of 6 to Eldorado in maiden at Bath (1m 2f, good). FLAGSHIP head 2nd of 13 to Bold Words in maiden at Salisbury (1m, good to soft) with CORINTHIAN 4¼l 4th and SAUSALITO BAY 4l 5th.
Selection: FLAGSHIP

4.00 RICHARD HOLDER HANDICAP (£4,190: 6f 16yd) (20 runners)

601	(3)	231103	LA PETITE FUSEE 31 (CD,F,G,S) (M Bevan) R O Sullivan 5-10-0	D Biggs	97
602	(4)	5-01000	SPOTTED EAGLE 108 (D,F) (Lord Carnarvon) R Hannon 3-9-13	Dane O'Neill	89
603	(18)	1-06800	CHARLIE SILLETT 3 (D,F,S) (J Sillett) B Hills 4-9-13	M Hills	90
604	(6)	460000	NORWEGIAN BLUE 16 (D,S) (A Turnbull) A Jarvis 3-9-13	J Fortune	92
605	(19)	652203	NILGIRI HILLS 14 (B,BF) (A Struthers) J Dunlop 3-9-12	T Quinn	90
606	(15)	106060	SO INTREPID 31 (D,F,G,S) (E Hayward) J Bradley 6-9-12	Pat Eddery	97
607	(2)	151011	Q FACTOR 17 (D,F,S) (H Collis) D Haydn Jones 4-9-11	S Drowne	[illegible]
608	(8)	1-040	FLY TIP 47 (D,S) (D McDowell) B Meehan 3-9-11	M Tebbutt	91
609	(7)	000220	GO HEVER GOLF 10 (D,F,G) (Hever Racing Club I) T Naughton 4-9-9	S Sanders	98
610	(10)	031300	STOPPES BROW 31 (V,D,F,G,S) (C Pennock) G L Moore 4-9-9	S Whitworth	93
611	(9)	010	RIVERS MAGIC 11 (S) (R Mead) D Chappell 3-9-8	R Hills	98
612	(14)	061402	MONTSERRAT 18 (V,D,G,S) (Mrs A Yearley) L Cottrell 4-9-8	M Fenton	95
613	(1)	005450	CARICATURE 10 (B,D,G) (White Bear Ltd) G Lewis 3-9-8	A Whelan (3)	98
614	(13)	023000	SPLICING 16 (D,G) (T Hirschfeld) W Haggas 3-9-7	K Fallon	97
615	(12)	10-5340	KISS ME AGAIN 17 (D,F) (B Lalemant) R Hannon 3-9-7	D Harrison	91
616	(16)	350500	OCEAN GROVE 24 (B,D,S) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 3-9-7	R Havlin (3)	93
617	(5)	201550	FRIENDLY BRAVE 10 (D,F,G,S) (Grid Racing) Miss G Kelleway 6-9-5	R Hughes	95
618	(17)	304000	HIGH DOMAIN 16 (D,G,S) (S Borsberry) J Spearing 5-9-0	J Quinn	98
619	(20)	5560-55	SUPREME THOUGHT 47 (D Simester) L Cottrell 4-8-7	J F Egan	92
620	(11)	050010	HOW'S YER FATHER 7 (CD,F,G,S) R Hodges 10-8-7	Amanda Sanders (5)	97

BETTING: 6-1 Q Factor, 7-1 Montserrat, La Petite Fusee, 8-1 Nilgiri Hills, 10-1 Norwegian Blue, 12-1 Charlie Sillett, Stoppes Brow, 14-1 others.

1995: BAJAN ROSE 3-8-12 R Cochrane (14-1) M Blanshard 20 ran

FORM FOCUS

LA PETITE FUSEE 1l 3rd of 28 to Crevon Gift in handicap at Ayr (6f, good to firm) with SO INTREPID (3lb better off) 4¾l 14th, STOPPES BROW (3lb better off) 1l 16th and NILGIRI HILL (3lb better off) 5½l 12th. SO INTREPID 1l 6th of 21 to Clan Chief in handicap at Goodwood (6f, good) with GO HEVER GOLF (2lb better off) 2l 8th and MONTSERRAT (1lb better off) 2½l 14th. Q FACTOR completed double beat Princess Efisio short-head in 15-runner handicap at Haydock (7f, soft) with KISS ME AGAIN (4lb better off) 21l 12th. FRIENDLY BRAVE 6½l 8th of 13 to Faraway Lass in conditions race at York (6f, good). HOW'S YER FATHER beat Best Kept Secret 1¾l in 20-runner seller at Yarmouth (7f, good) penultimate start.
Selection: Q FACTOR

4.30 COPSE NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,129: 6f 16yd) (17 runners)

1	(8)	652	MON BRUCE 17 (Miss M Van Bakel) W Muir 9-7	M Henry (3)	90
2	(3)	222211	DAVIS ROCK 17 (D,G) (Hesmonds Stud) M Prescott 9-6	G Duffield	90
3	(7)	266	COPPERBEECH 18 (Dr A Gillespie & J Wilson) P Chapple-Hyam 9-2	R Havlin (3)	[illegible]
4	(13)	056	HIGHLAND PASS 176 (R Curtis) P Burgoyne 9-2	D R McCabe	88
5	(12)	021105	RUMBUSTIOUS 18 (D,F) (C Curtis) R Hannon 9-0	Dane O'Neill	94
6	(4)	436110	EAGER TO PLEASE 18 (D,BF,F,G) (Miss J Crowley) Miss G Kelleway 9-0	T Quinn	96
7	(1)	015532	DOWRY 15 (D,S) (Cheveley Park Stud) R Hannon 8-13	Pat Eddery	96
8	(2)	400	EXPECTATION 46 (I S Racing) P Webber 8-12	K Fallon	80
9	(10)	053023	THE WYANDOTTE INN 45 (G Farndon) R Hollinshead 8-11	F Lynch (3)	82
10	(11)	30530	ROCKAROUNDTHECLOCK 17 (Treble Chance Partnership) P Evans 8-11	J F Egan	96
11	(6)	054	MULIERE 24 (Sheikh Mohammed) M Johnston 8-10	M Roberts	89
12	(9)	645400	STRAT'S QUEST 32 (J Blumenow) D Arbuthnot 8-10	D Harrison	91
13	(16)	302302	WILL TO WIN 17 (Mrs P Wyatt) P Murphy 8-7	S Drowne	98
14	(17)	0600	WILD NETTLE 48 (Mrs J Cleary) J Fox 7-12	D O'Shea	—
15	(5)	6400	MIKE'S DOUBLE 34 (B) (Contrac Promotions) G Lewis 7-11	J Quinn	—
16	(14)	054040	SUMMER RISOTTO 18 (D,F) (Hargood Ltd) D ffrench Davis 7-10	N Carlisle	95
17	(15)	000	PRIORY GARDENS 34 (G Fry) J Bradley 7-10	N Adams	80

Long handicap: Summer Risotto 7-6, Priory Gardens 7-5.

BETTING: 4-1 Davis Rock, 6-1 Mon Bruce, Eager To Please, 7-1 Dowry, 8-1 Rumbustious, 10-1 The Wyandotte Inn, Muliere, 12-1 others.

1995: ERUPT 8-12 J Williams (14-1) G Balding 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

MON BRUCE 13½l 5th of 14 to Hurricane State in Goodwood maiden (6f, good) penultimate start. COPPERBEECH best effort this term 3½l 2nd of 7 to Cherry Blossom in Newbury maiden (5f, good to soft). HIGHLAND PASS 6¾l 6th of 10 to Arethusa in Kempton maiden (5f, good to firm). RUMBUSTIOUS 6l 5th of 17 to Merciless Cop in nursery at Lingfield (7f, good) with EAGER TO PLEASE (7lb worse off) 3l 7th. THE WYANDOTTE INN short head 2nd of 7 to Imperial Garden in maiden at Wolverhampton (AW, 5f) penultimate start. ROCKAROUNDTHECLOCK 3l 3rd of 8 to Stygian in Leicester nursery (6f, firm) penultimate start.
Selection: RUMBUSTIOUS

5.00 PASTURE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,076: 1m 4f 23yd) (18 runners)

1	(14)	30-0560	SKI ACADEMY 41 (B,C,F) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-7	R Havlin (3)	94
2	(15)	6-24163	BELLATOR 16 (S) (P Richardson) G Balding 9-4	S Drowne	94
3	(7)	021-41	TART 35 (F,G) (Lady Rothschild) R Johnson Houghton 9-3	Pat Eddery	91
4	(9)	4523	PREMIER NIGHT 101 (BF) (D Churston) S Dow 9-2	R Hughes	87
5	(16)	43-3240	CLEMENTE 147 (R Beahan) R Hannon 9-2	Dane O'Neill	88
6	(18)	0033	MAWARED 8 (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-2	R Hills	90
7	(11)	204604	TAUFAN BOY 13 (G) (Supreme Team) P Harris 9-2	G Hind	96
8	(6)	5-6403	SIMIONG SUN 28 (B) (K Abdulla) B Hills 8-13	K Fallon	97
9	(17)	3240	CABALLUS 67 (W & Mrs E Robins) Lord Huntingdon 8-11	M Hills	91
10	(4)	440011	SWEETNESS HERSELF 17 (D,G,S) (Mrs M Lavell) M Ryan 8-9	M Baird (5)	97
11	(1)	532140	TRILBY 12 (D,F) (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 8-8	T Quinn	[illegible]
12	(3)	803000	DALWHINNIE 24 (Ibra Racing Company) J Hills 8-5	M Henry (3)	89
13	(12)	5P0134	BARANOV 94 (F) (Mrs S Nash) D Murray Smith 8-5	D Harrison	88
14	(13)	534000	MUA-TAB 48 (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-3	T Sprake	96
15	(8)	0000	FORMIDABLE FLAME 17 (Mrs Rita Brown) W Musson 8-3	C Rutter	85
16	(10)	P000-06	RED RAJA 14 (J Ali) P Mitchell 8-3	J Quinn	92
17	(5)	2-0604	DRAMATIC ACT 130 (M Smith) C Barwell 7-12	N Adams	90
18	(2)	040060	MAY KING MAYHEM 3 (S Harrison) Mrs A King 7-10	DOUBTFUL	88

Long handicap: May King Mayhem 7-2.

BETTING: 9-2 Tart, 5-1 Mawared, 6-1 Bellator, 7-1 Premier Night, 8-1 Sweetness Herself, Simiong Sun, 10-1 Caballus, Clemente, 12-1 Baranov, 14-1 others.

1995: SNOW PRINCESS 8-6 R Hills (11-2) Lord Huntingdon 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

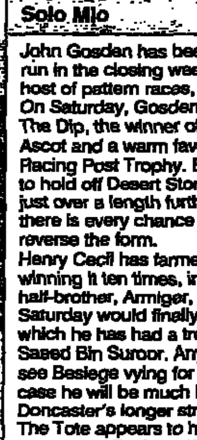
SKI ACADEMY 10½l 6th of 9 to Gold Desc in handicap at Chester (1m 2f 75yd, good to soft) on penultimate start. TART beat Domettes 5l in 15-runner handicap at Sandown (1m 3f 91yd, good to firm). PREMIER NIGHT 2l and neck 3rd of 7 to Poddington in maiden at Lingfield (1m 1f, good to firm). MAWARED 3½l 3rd of 7 to Present Arms in handicap at Leicester (1m 4f, good to firm). TAUFAN BOY about 3¼l 4th of 11 to Puce in conditions race at York (1m 4f, good). SWEETNESS HERSELF completed double beat Bang In Trouble neck in 20-runner apprentices' handicap at Haydock (1m 6f, soft).
Selection: TAUFAN BOY

RACING AHEAD

Robert Wright
suggests the best value in the ante-post market

GUIDE TO THE LEADING PRICES

	Coral	Hills	Ladbrokes	Tote
Benny The Dip	7-4	2-1	2-1	13-8
Besiege	11-4	7-2	11-4	9-2
Papua	6-1	7-1	9-1	8-1
Asas	8-1	6-1	11-2	7-2
Poteen	8-1	11-2	10-1	10-1
Medaaly	8-1	8-1	8-1	7-1
Sandstone	10-1	10-1	7-1	14-1
Daylight In Dubai	20-1	25-1	20-1	20-1
Solo Mio	20-1	20-1	16-1	16-1



John Gosden has been enjoying a remarkable run in the closing weeks of the season, winning a host of pattern races, including the St Leger.
On Saturday, Gosden is represented by Benny The Dip, the winner of the Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot and a warm favourite for the group one Racing Post Trophy. Benny The Dip was all out to hold off Desert Story at Ascot, with Besiege just over a length further away in third. However, there is every chance that Besiege will be able to reverse the form.
Henry Cecil has farmed this race over the years, winning it ten times, including with Besiege's half-brother, Armiger, in 1992. Another victory on Saturday would finally clinch the trainers' title, for which he has had a tremendous tussle with Saeed Bin Suroor. Any cut in the ground would see Besiege vying for favouritism, but in any case he will be much better served by Doncaster's longer straight than Ascot.
The Tote appears to have underrated the chances of Besiege (9-2) and Sandstone (14-1), who were divided by a head at Haydock last month. Sandstone has since finished a close fifth to Papua in the Tattersalls Houghton Sales Stakes at Newmarket, where he was unsuited by the slow early pace and was squeezed for room for much of the final two furlongs. Both make considerable appeal, but BESIEGE has the greater scope for improvement and should be backed at 9-2.
The Godolphin team have supplemented Medaaly and Asas at a cost of 15,000 each for Saturday's race, but both need to improve. Medaaly appeared to have no excuses when fifth in the Royal Lodge, while Asas was impressive when winning a Newmarket maiden but takes a hefty step up in class.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Pontefract

Going: good

2.15 (6f) 1, Key Largo (M Henry, 20-1); 2, Phylida (6-1); 3, Sparkling Harry (16-1). Cambridge Ball 6-4 fav. 13 ran. NR: Loganlea, Music Express. Hd, 3l. M Tompkins. Tote: £18.20; £3.60, £1.60, £4.10. DF: £39.50. Trio: £125.20. CSF: £120.24.

2.45 (5f) 1, Surffad (G Parkin, 6-1 jt-fav); 2, Saltormasta (25-1); 3, French Grit (8-1); 4, Brecongill Lad (11-1). Surprise Mission 6-1 jt-fav. 17 ran. NR: Bowlers Boy. 1l, ½l. M W Easterby. Tote: £7.20; £2.10, £5.80, £2.40, £3.20. DF: £135.00. Trio: £224.50. CSF: £137.77. Tricast: £1,165.63.

3.15 (1m 4yd) 1, Entice (M Hills, 5-2 jt-fav, Thunderer's and Richard Evans's nap); 2, Fahris (13-2); 3, Symonds Inn (5-2 jt-fav). 7 ran. Nk, ½l. B Hills. Tote: £3.70; £2.30, £2.50. DF: £9.00. CSF: £16.60.

3.45 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, Maradata (L Detton, 10-1); 2, Mansur (6-1 fav); 3, North Reef (11-1); 4, Kristal Breeze (12-1). 19 ran. ¾l, hd. R Hollinshead. Tote: £10.20; £2.20, £2.40, £2.60, £2.50. DF: £93.80. Trio: £268.30. CSF: £66.36. Tricast: £635.91.

4.15 (2m 1f 216yd) 1, Lepikha (M Hills, 7-1); 2, Onefourseven (10-1); 3, Sterling Fellow (12-1); 4, Fro (16-1). Alwarqa 3-1 fav. 20 ran. 1¾l, 2½l. B Hills. Tote: £9.30; £2.10, £2.80, £3.50, £3.30. DF: £84.50. Trio: £111.10. CSF: £77.81. Tricast: £793.26.

4.45 (1m 4yd) 1, Double Espresso (M Roberts, 10-1); 2, Julietta Mia (7-4 fav); 3, Hurgill Dancer (25-1); 4, Rivonia (10-1). 19 ran. NR: Bluebell Miss. 3½l, 1¾l. M Johnston. Tote: £9.70; £2.10, £1.10, £5.00, £1.80. DF: £6.10. Trio: £225.60. CSF: £28.67. Tricast: £436.43.

5.15 (6f) 1, Parliazz (N Adams, 15-8 fav); 2, Night Chorus (25-1); 3, Lady Shirl (7-1). 14 ran. Hd, 3l. M Meade. Tote: £2.70; £1.40, £5.50, £2.20. DF: £96.80. Trio: £63.90. CSF: £46.51.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £20,163.66 carried forward to Chepstow today).

Placepot: £636.50. Quadpot: £67.00.

Folkestone

Going: good to soft

1.30 (6f 189yd) 1, Havago (W Ryan, 8-1); 2, Don Sebastian (13-8 fav); 3, Sidney The Kidney (20-1). 13 ran. 1½l, 2½l. R Hannon. Tote: £10.60; £2.30, £1.10, £6.70. DF: £10.40. Trio: £160.70. CSF: £24.33.

2.00 (6f 189yd) 1, Ginzbourg (T Sprake, 4-1); 2, Select Choice (11-4 fav); 3, Rechulin (3-1). 12 ran. Nk, 1¾l. J Dunlop. Tote: £4.90; £1.70, £1.30, £1.60. DF: £6.70. Trio: £12.10. CSF: £13.87.

2.30 (6f 189yd) 1, Corniche Quest (R Perham, 3-1); 2, Scathebury (14-1); 3, Shontaine (5-2 fav). 15 ran. NR: Hotlips Houlihan. 1¾l, ½l. M Channon. Tote: £4.70; £2.10, £5.30, £1.40. DF: £31.70. Trio: £38.60. CSF: £45.18. No bid.

3.00 (1m 1f 149yd) 1, Mono Lady (M Fenton, 20-1); 2, Mimosa (3-1 fav); 3, Quiet Arch (7-2). 15 ran. 1l, 1¾l. D Haydn Jones. Tote: £17.00; £3.80, £1.60, £1.80. DF: £23.70. Trio: £25.40. CSF: £81.09. Tricast: £257.02.

3.30 (5f) 1, Unshaken (D Harrison, 4-1); 2, Mersad (4-1); 3, Risky Missile (5-1). Hangover Square 7-4 fav. 13 ran. 3½l, 1¾l. J Fanshawe. Tote: £6.90; £2.10, £2.00, £1.30. DF: £12.60. Trio: £52.40. CSF: £21.62.

4.00 (6f) 1, Sharp Return (A Clark, 7-1); 2, Castles Burning (13-2); 3, Jilly Woo (20-1). Battle Ground 100-30 fav. 12 ran. Hd, sh hd. M Ryan. Tote: £8.60; £2.60, £2.50, £4.80. DF: £38.10. Trio: £293.30. CSF: £49.36.

4.30 (6f) 1, Purple Fling (R Cochrane, 4-1 fav); 2, Sharp 'N Smart (16-1); 3, Fresh Fruit Daily (25-1). 13 ran. NR: Deeply Vale, Denbrae, Erupt. Hd, ¾l. L Cottrell. Tote: £6.20; £1.90, £7.10, £2.70. DF: £59.00. Trio: £252.30. CSF: £69.92.

5.00 (1m 4f) 1, Summerhill Special (Mr K Goble, 20-1); 2, Spread The Word (10-1); 3, Evidence In Chief (13-2); 4, Stalled (8-1). Mrs P Nothing Doing 3-1 fav. 18 ran. 2½l, 5l. Mrs P Dutfield. Tote: £11.80; £3.50, £1.80, £2.10, £2.10. DF: £39.30. Trio: £125.70. CSF: £209.24. Tricast: £1,347.76.

Placepot: £64.10. Quadpot: £42.80.

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WARWICK

THUNDERER

2.10 Doctor Green. 2.40 Indian Jockey. 3.10 Prerogative. 3.40 Culrain. 4.10 Celtic Silver. 4.40 Hamilton Silk.

GOING: FIRM (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) — SIS

2.10 RAGLEY HALL JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (£3,109: 2m) (11 runners)

1	1	DOCTOR GREEN 20 (V,G) M Pipe 11-4	A P McCoy	—
2		COLOUR COUNSELLOR 32F (B) R Flower 10-12	J Osborne	—
3		HAL HOO YAROOM 74F W Hern 10-12	R Farrant	—
4	5	INDIAN WOLF 10 B Llewellyn 10-12	I Lawrence	—
5		THE GREY WEAVER 20F R Flower 10-12	J K McCarthy (7)	—
6		TOPAGLOW 28F P Dalton 10-12	T Eley	—
7		EMBROIDERED 20F R Flower 10-7	G Tormey (3)	—
8	02	FLOOD'S FANCY 10 L Barratt 10-7	R Guest	—
9	203	HOW COULD-I 16 (B) Mrs N Macauley 10-7	A Thornton	—
10		I SAY DANCER 25F L Barratt 10-7	S Wynne	—
11	F	KALAO TUA 16 J Fanshawe 10-7	P Hide	—

6-4 Doctor Green, 9-4 Hal Hoo Yaroom, 9-2 Kalao Tua, 16-1 Flood's Fancy, Colour Counsellor, Embroidered, How Could-I, 25-1 others.

2.40 COUGHTON COURT CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,921: 2m) (6)

1	21-1	INDIAN JOCKEY 19 (D,F) M Pipe 4-11-12	A P McCoy	[illegible]
2	05-5	ROC AGE 136 G Davies 5-11-7	Mr J Nolan	—
3	4-04	HIGHLY CHARMING 20 Miss H Knight 4-11-0	Mr A Wintle (7)	73
4	/P-0	CANESTRELLI 83 W Mann 11-10-8	Mr P Scott	—
5	5FP-	COMMANCHE STORM 197 W Mann 4-10-5	Miss C Spearing (7)	—
6		THE DEACONESS 369F Mrs A King 5-10-3	Gary Lyons	—

1-3 Indian Jockey, 11-4 Highly Charming, 16-1 Canestrelli, The Deaconess. 50-1 Roc Age, Commanche Storm.

3.10 HATTON COUNTRY WORLD NOVICES CHASE (£3,458: 2m 4f 110yd) (6)

1	U-	ELITE GOVERNOR 149P (F,G) N Lampard 7-11-0	J Osborne	—
2	5P-F	GLAMANGLITZ 10 P Dalton 6-11-0	T Eley	—
3	5002	ICANTELYA 11 (G,S) J Mullins 7-11-0	P Hide	[illegible]
4	4135	PREROGATIVE 20 (V,F,G,S) H Howe 6-11-0	A P McCoy	—
5	/0-P	AUNTIE LORNA 19 N Pomfret 7-10-9	Mr R Wakley (7)	—
6	0-3F	LARKS TAIL 5 P Webber 8-10-9	R Bellamy	—

5-4 Icantelya, 7-4 Prerogative, 5-1 Glamanglitz, 12-1 Elite Governor, Larks Tail. 33-1 Auntie Lorna.

3.40 CARLISLE & GOUGH NOVICES HURDLE (£2,773: 2m 3f) (5)

1	6P/	CALLEVA STAR 554 R Alner 5-11-0	W McFarland	—
2	00-3	CULRAIN 17 T Caldwell 5-11-0	A Thornton	[illegible]
3		KIROV ROYALE 20F M Campion 5-10-9	J Osborne	—
4	P6	LILAC RAIN 20 (V) R Stronge 4-10-9	D Walsh (3)	—
5	564	ROSE CHIME 21 J L Harris 4-10-8	P McLoughlin	98

7-4 Culrain, 9-4 Rose Chime, 9-2 Calleva Star, 6-1 Lilac Rain, Kirov Royale.

4.10 WARWICK CASTLE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,283: 3m 2f) (3)

1	1532	EVANGELICA 17 (D,F,S) M Pipe 6-12-0	A P McCoy	98
2	P3-2	TIME ENOUGH 40 (S) C Brooks 7-10-11	G Bradley	[illegible]
3	53P-	CELTIC SILVER 161 (F,G) Mrs S Smith 8-10-2	R Guest	95

Evens Evangelica, 5-4 Time Enough, 7-2 Celtic Silver.

4.40 LORD LEICESTER HOSPITAL HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,731: 2m) (3)

1	63-1	HAMILTON SILK 17 (D,G) M Pipe 4-12-0	J Osborne	[illegible]
2	1-	DAYTONA BEACH 13F (D,F) D ffrench Davis 6-10-12	G Bradley	96
3	-234	KALZARI 104 (D,G) A Carroll 11-10-0	A P McCoy	98

2-7 Hamilton Silk, 9-2 Kalzari, 5-1 Daytona Beach.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

CHEPSTOW: Trainers: M Stoute, 8 winners from 19 runners, 42.1%; M Johnston, 4 from 11, 36.4%; J Gosden, 8 from 30, 26.7%; M Prescott, 6 from 23, 26.1%; P Chapple-Hyam, 10 from 40, 25.0%. Jockeys: W R Swinburn, 4 winners from 14 rides, 28.6%; R Havlin, 5 from 20, 25.0%; R Hughes, 6 from 29, 20.7%; Pat Eddery, 8 from 41, 19.5%; R Hills, 5 from 28, 17.9%.

PLUMPTON: Trainers: T Mills, 4 winners from 6 runners, 66.7%; Miss H Knight, 5 from 10, 50.0%; N Henderson, 7 from 20, 35.0%; R Champion, 4 from 12, 33.3%; M Muggeridge, 5 from 17, 29.4%. Jockeys: D Bridgwater, 16 winners from 34 rides, 47.1%; A Maguire, 43 from 155, 27.7%; M Richards, 8 from 36, 22.2%; E Murphy, 7 from 32, 21.9%; J Kavanagh, 10 from 50, 20.0%.

WARWICK: Trainers: Miss H Knight, 9 winners from 37 runners, 24.3%; M Pipe, 23 from 105, 21.9%; C Brooks, 3 from 20, 15.0%. Only qualifiers.

Jockeys: A P McCoy, 7 winners from 25 rides, 28.0%; J Osborne, 12 from 63, 19.0%; R Guest, 3 from 17, 17.6%; G Bradley, 5 from 38, 13.2%. Only qualifiers.

PLUMPTON

THUNDERER

2.20 Wakeel. 2.50 Mr Clancy. 3.20 Madame President. 3.50 Zambezi Spirit. 4.20 Supreme Star. 4.50 Water Hazard.

Our Newmarket Correspondent:
2.20 Docklands Courier.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS

2.20 JOE & CO MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,700: 2m 1f) (11 runners)

1	5	ALLEZ PABLO 15 R Rowe 6-11-5	L Aspell (3)
2		HARDY BREEZE D Grissell 5-11-5	J R Kavanagh
3	-F03	RAGTIME SONG 13 (V) J Jenkins 7-11-5	N Egan (7)
4	-203	CADDY'S FIRST 15 S Mellor 4-11-4	N Mann
5		DOCKLANDS COURIER 52F B McMath 4-11-4	C Llewellyn
6		GREENWICH AGAIN 33F T Mills 4-11-4	D Bridgwater
7		WAKEEL 10F S Dow 4-11-4	R Dunwoody
8		ZADOK 327F J Ffitch-Heyes 4-11-4	B Fenton
9	P-	ZAMALEK 27F G L Moore 4-11-4	A Maguire
10	42-	REGAL PURSUIT 239 N Henderson 5-11-0	M A Fitzgerald
11	0-	BARBRALLEN 35F Mrs L Jewell 4-10-13	D Leahy

6-4 Regal Pursuit, 5-1 Caddy's First, 6-1 Wakeel, 8-1 Greenwich Again, 10-1 Docklands Courier, 12-1 Ragtime Song, 14-1 Hardy Breeze, 16-1 others

2.50 JOE & CO SELLING HANDICAP CHASE (£2,595: 3m 1f 110yd) (12)

1	/30-	FIGHTING DAYS 386 (C,F,G) A Moore 10-11-13	B Powell
2	60-6	RAGLAN ROAD 135 (F,G,S) Miss A Embiricos 12-11-8	J Ryan
3	6-5P	BRINDLEY HOUSE 125 (S) R Curtis 9-11-6	D Morris
4	11/	MR CLANCY 725 (D,G) J J O'Neill 8-11-5	S Curran
5	04-U	CAPO CASTANUM 10 Miss H Knight 7-11-4	T J Murphy
6	3P0-	OPAL'S TENSPOT 246 (F,G,S) J Bradley 9-10-10	R Johnson
7	-343	MANOR BOUND 23 (F) Mrs S Williams 6-10-10	N Williamson
8	53P4	L'UOMO PIU 12 (F,G,S) A Barrow 12-10-9	T Dascombe (3)
9	55-6	WOODLANDS GENHIRE 13 (V,D,F) P Pritchard 11-10-9	A Maguire
10	32-3	THE WEST'S ASLEEP 101 J Ffitch-Heyes 11-10-5	B Fenton
11	-354	SAINT BENE'T 56 (F,G) G Prodromou 8-10-0	Michael Brennan (5)
12	PPR-	TELF 223 P Clarke 16-10-0	D J Kavanagh (5)

7-4 Capo Castanum, 9-2 The West's Asleep, 5-1 Mr Clancy, 6-1 Manor Bound, 10-1 Fighting Days, Opal's Tenspot, L'Uomo Piu, 12-1 others

3.20 KNIGHT FRANK CENTENARY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,047: 2m 4f) (9)

1	102-	MADAME PRESIDENT 152 (F) C Morlock 5-11-13	G Hogan (3)
2	P-03	WHISTLING BUCK 17 (S) R Rowe 8-11-9	L Aspell (3)
3	100-	DURSHAN 11F (V,D,F) J Jenkins 7-11-5	N Williamson
4	66-0	MACEDONAS 135 (F,G,S) G Thorner 8-11-2	B Powell
5	5434	RAY RIVER 38 (B,D,F,G) K Wingrove 4-11-0	J Ryan
6	F/2	FAWLEY FLYER 6 (F,G) W G M Turner 7-10-13	R Dunwoody
7	P0-0	DOC'S COAT 10 (F,G,S) C Wildman 11-10-4	A Maguire
8	P-23	CREDIT CONTROLLER 13 J Ffitch-Heyes 7-10-0	B Fenton
9	-0S0	TIBBS INN 10 A Barrow 7-10-0	Mr R Thornton (7)

9-4 Whistling Buck, 4-1 Durshan, 5-1 Madame President, 6-1 Macedonas, 7-1 Fawley Flyer, 8-1 Ray River, 12-1 Credit Controller, 16-1 others

3.50 HIGHWAY MOTOR POLICIES AT LLOYDS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,562: 2m 5f) (7)

1	455-	PATS MINSTREL 168 (B,C,F,G) R Champion 11-11-11	M Fitzgerald
2	3-62	PAPER STAR 4 (CD,F) M Muggeridge 9-11-1	B Powell
3	P-65	BLACK CHURCH 15 (CD,F,S) R Rowe 10-10-10	R Dunwoody
4	232-	MINE'S AN ACE 143 (F,G,S) Miss V Williams 9-10-7	N Williamson
5	2222	DRUMSTICK 12 (B,D,F,G,S) K Bailey 10-10-6	J Railton
6	P12-	ZAMBEZI SPIRIT 179 (F,G) Mrs M Jones 7-10-0	D Byrne
7	P/P-	BE SURPRISED 363 (G) A Moore 10-10-0	J R Kavanagh

6-4 Mine's An Ace, 7-2 Pats Minstrel, 4-1 Zambezi Spirit, 7-1 others.

4.20 A R DENNIS NOVICES HURDLE (£2,385: 2m 4f) (8)

1	5/1	SUPREME STAR 36 (F) P Hedger 5-11-5	M Richards
2	P-63	COOLEGALE 15 (B) L Wells 10-10-12	G Hogan (3)
3	P	POLO KIT 8 R O'Sullivan 5-10-12	P Holley
4	63/	SLEEPTITE 388F W G M Turner 6-10-12	R Dunwoody
5	00-	NIGHT THYNE 211 M Roberts 4-10-11	B Powell
6	3-00	SLIGHTLY SPECIAL 98 B Pearce 4-10-11	C Llewellyn
7	-202	WANSTEAD 16 (B) J Jenkins 4-10-11	A Maguire
8	P0-4	ZUNO FLYER 15 A Moore 4-10-11	N Williamson

7-4 Supreme Star, 3-1 Polo Kit, 7-2 Wanstead, 8-1 Sleeptite, 10-1 others.

4.50 JOE & CO NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,448: 2m 1f) (11)

1	40-1	MAZZINI 16 (F) R Rowe 5-12-0	L Aspell (3)
2	246-	FARMER'S TERN 199 P Butler 4-11-2	Mr R Thornton (7)
3	5222	CANARY FALCON 12 R O'Sullivan 5-11-1	P Holley
4	04-6	WATER HAZARD 16 S Dow 4-11-0	R Dunwoody
5	F55-	FIRST INSTANCE 180 D Grissell 6-10-9	B Fenton
6	/0/	JACKSONS BAY 726 T Casey 6-10-3	E Murphy
7	66/	DEPTFORD BELLE 554 R Curtis 6-10-3	D Morris
8	00P-	BLURRED IMAGE 157 J Poulton 5-10-0	T J Murphy
9	0F3-	BOWLES PATROL 208 J Upson 4-10-0	R Supple
10	P20-	FULL OF TRICKS 185 J Bridger 8-10-0	L Harvey
11	/PP-	JUST A BEAU 251 Mrs L Jewell 5-10-0	Sophie Mitchell (5)

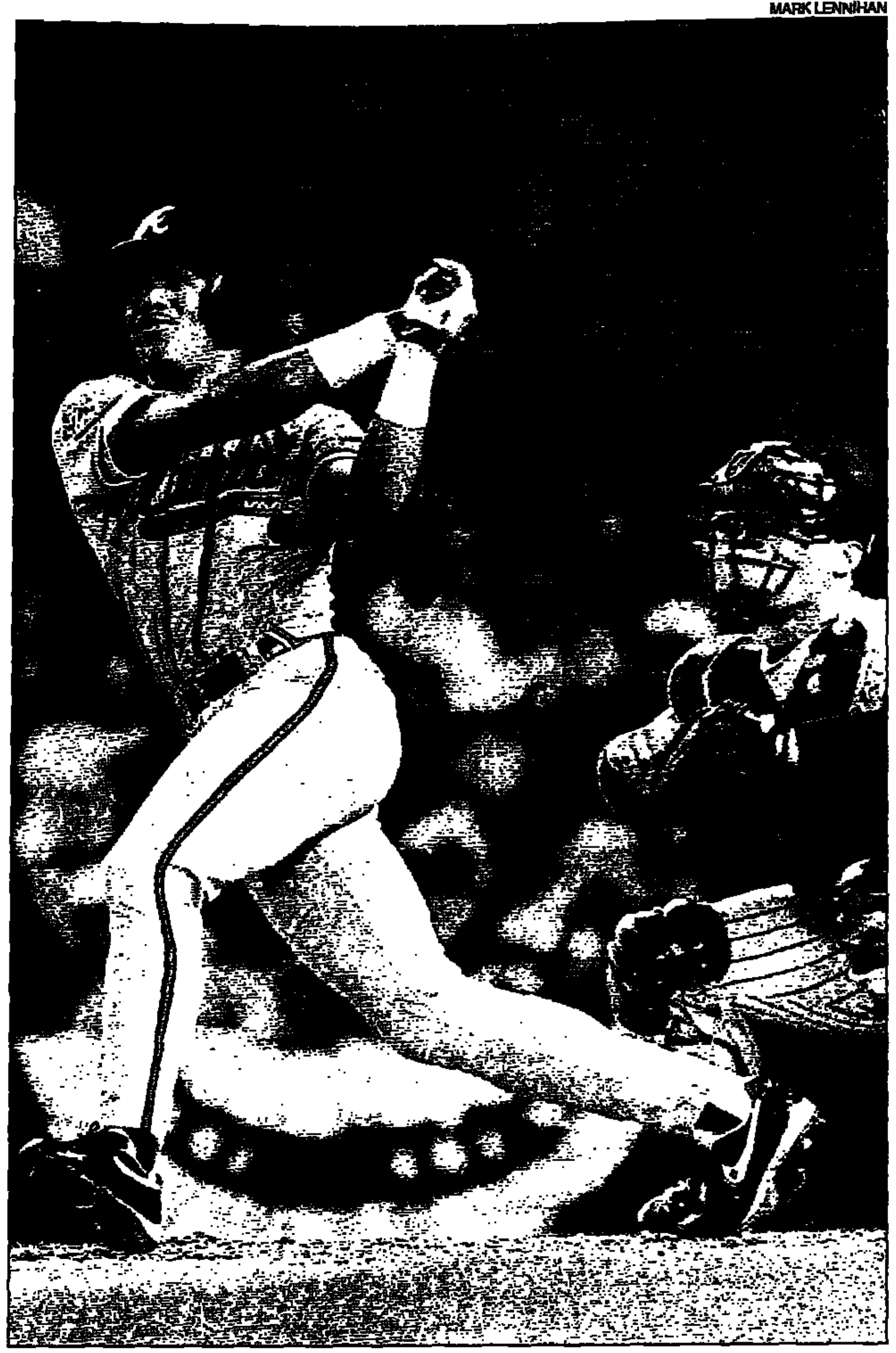
5-4 Mazzini, 7-2 Water Hazard, 5-1 Canary Falcon, 10-1 Bowles Patrol, 16-1 Farmer's Tern, First Instance, Blurred Image, 20-1 others.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Chepstow: 3.30 Malik. 4.00 Nilgiri Hills. 4.30 Mike's Double. 5.00 Ski Academy. Plumpton: 3.50 Drumstick. 4.20 Coolegale. Warwick: 2.10 Colour Counsellor.

BASEBALL: ATLANTA NEW BOY HUMBLES NEW YORK YANKEES

Jones is an instant hit in World Series

From Keith Blackmore in New York


MARK LENNIHAN

Jones looks satisfied at his home run in the top of the second inning on Sunday

A STAR was born as the World Series got under way in Yankee Stadium on Sunday night, but he was not wearing the famous New York Yankee pinstripes.

Andruw Jones, the Atlanta Braves left fielder, became, at 19 years and six months, the third-youngest player to appear in a World Series game. In the top of the second inning, he became the youngest player to hit a home run in the World Series when he crashed a fast ball from Andy Pettitte, the Yankee pitcher, over the left-field fence, giving the Braves a 2-0 lead.

In the top of the third inning he became only the second man in history to hit a home run in each of his first two at bats in the Series when he cracked a pitch from Brian Boehringer, the reliever, into the centre-field seats, scoring three more runs. He also put the game out of reach, sending the Braves on their way to a 12-1 romp behind the pitching of John Smoltz.

After the downpour on Saturday the Yankees employed police helicopters to dry the flooded outfield so that the first game could start a day late.

Had the Series opened in Atlanta, Jones would probably not even have played, but, because the teams are allowed a designated hitter (who hits for the pitcher but does not field) in the American League park, there was a vacancy. Ryan Klesko, the usual left fielder, stepped into the hitting role to make room for Jones, a brilliant fielder.

Jones, who hails from Curacao, in the Caribbean (hence the Dutch spelling of his first name), had been voted the Minor League player of the year in each of the past two seasons before being thrown into the deep end with Atlanta this September.

Discovered at the age of 16 by the Braves' astonishingly widespread scouting operation, he has long been earmarked for greatness. "It doesn't take a genius to figure out that the kid can really play," Bobby Cox, the Braves manager, said. "He is about as good a prospect as you are ever going to see coming up in any organisation. He has all the tools: run, hit, throw, power. This kid can hit a ball as hard as anyone around."

Jones was unable to shed much light on the mystery of his talent, at least in English, the least accomplished of his four languages. "I try to do the job so I can play and sometimes things happen," he said.

It was his night. When, in the sixth, he broke his bat hitting a ground ball to third base, the broken barrel flew into the path of Wade Boggs, the third baseman, hampering his throw and allowing Jones to reach first base for an infield hit. From there, he later scored.

These individual achievements tended to mask another phenomenal hitting performance by the whole Braves team. Since finding themselves 3-1 down in the National League championship series, the Braves, the defending World Series champions, have won all four games that they have played, scoring 44 runs while conceding two. Since their strength is generally regarded as being their pitching, the sudden outbreak of hitting has turned a powerful team into an unstoppable one.

Klesko was the only Brave not to register at least a hit and Fred McGriff added another home run. The Yankees had no answer to either the hitting or the pitching and went into the game here last night knowing that they had to win to have much chance of surviving the next three games, all to be played in Atlanta.

Lost in all the fuss about Jones was a final irony. Until Sunday the youngest player to hit a home run in the Series was Mickey Mantle, one of the Yankees' best-loved stars, who died last year. Sunday would have been his 65th birthday. Jones was anaware of Mantle's hallowed place in the sport that attaches enormous importance to its history. His idea of a baseball idol was Ken Griffey Jr, the leading performer in the present Seattle Mariners team. Griffey is 26.

DETAILS FROM GAME ONE

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Runs	Hits	Errors
Atlanta Braves	0	2	6	0	1	3	0	0	0	12	13	0
New York Yankees	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	1

SNOOKER

Wattana's confidence receives a timely lift

By Phil Yates

JAMES WATTANA, who a week today will lead Thailand against China in a group match on day one of the World Cup in Bangkok, yesterday continued to bask in the relative anonymity that he has discovered at the Grand Prix in Bournemouth.

In his native country, Wattana is the centre of attention. However, after falling to twentieth in the updated provisional world rankings, he does not generate anywhere near that fanatical interest in Britain and the pressure that he feels comes from the need to arrest his slide rather than to meet the expectations of his countrymen.

During a 5-2 victory over Paul McPhillips, of Glasgow, Wattana displayed the outstanding break-building that carried him to numerous titles in the early Nineties, alongside the type of unforgivable mistakes that have caused his slump. In moving from 1-1 to 3-1, Wattana constructed runs of 131 and 130.

The 131, a total clearance, surpassed a 128 from John Parrott as the highest break of the televised stage of the tournament and made Wattana the front-runner for the £5,000 award that accompanies it.

That brilliance disappeared during the course of the 20-minute intermission. On the resumption, Wattana lost a scrappy fifth frame and McPhillips would surely have levelled at 3-3 but for missing a simple brown with the rest and, later, the pink.

Having been fortunate to re-establish a two-frame cushion, the tension left Wattana's cue arm and he won the seventh frame without conceding a point to seal a much-needed success.

Euan Henderson, 29, a former electronics student from Glenrothes, compiled a break of 106 on his way to a 5-3 win over Jon Birch.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Srinath rescues India after crowd trouble

INDIA beat Australia by two wickets, with seven balls to spare, in a triangular series match in Bangalore yesterday after supporters, protesting against the dismissal of Mohammed Azharuddin, forced a 20-minute stoppage in play. The batsman was clearly unhappy with the decision by the umpire, S. K. Bansal, and spectators began to hurl plastic bottles on to the playing area. They finally stopped after pleas from Azharuddin himself. India's World Cup semi-final against Sri Lanka, in Calcutta in March, was abandoned because of rioting.

Chasing a target of 216 from 50 overs, India were struggling at 164 for eight before the bowlers, Javagal Srinath and Anil Kumble, put together an unbroken ninth-wicket stand of 52 runs off 40 balls. Srinath hit 30 off 23 balls and Kumble 16 off 19 deliveries.

Grand prix on move

MOTORCYCLING: Donington Park is to host the British Grand Prix for the eleventh consecutive year, but the traditional date will be changed. The circuit has secured an agreement with Dorna, which holds the rights to the FAM road racing world championships, to extend the existing arrangements for a further year.

The grand prix moves from its usual date in July to August 17, 1997. "A revised date and world championship programme will ensure that the British Grand Prix meeting is a major motorcyling racing summer festival," Robert Fearnall, the Donington director, said yesterday.

Tough tie for Narberth

RUGBY UNION: Narberth, of the Welsh League third division, without a win this season, will not relish their trip to unbeaten Bridgend Sports, of SB division central, in the fourth round of the Swalec Cup on November 23.

DRAW: Carmarthen Athletic v Glamorgan Wanderers, Cwmllynfell v Bedwas; Pencoed v Llanharan, Tondu v Pyle, Mumbles v Tredegar, Taff's Well v Resolven, Newcastle Emlyn v Cwmbran, Felinfoel v Ystrad Rhondda, Mountain Ash v Kenfig Hill; Tenby United v Hirwaun; Bridgend Sports v Narberth, Glais v Ammanford; Llantrisant v Oakdale; Pill Harriers v Dolgellau, Penygraig v Bridgend Athletic, Nantyffyllon v Tonyrefail, Morriston v Carmarthen Quins, Ruthin v Birchgrove, Abercarn v RTB Ebbw Vale, Abergavenny v Penarth, Builth Wells v Rumney; Pontycymmer v Tumble, Vardre v Kidwelly; Glynneath v Blaina; Briton Ferry v Whitland; Gilfach Goch v St Peter's, Dinas Powys v Merthyr; Rhymney v Talywain

Henman's rise continues

TENNIS: Tim Henman, the British No 1, has risen one place to 25, his highest world ranking, after reaching the semi-finals of the Czech indoor tournament last week. But Greg Rusedski, who was beaten 7-6, 7-5 by Henman in the second round in Ostrava, has dropped three places, from 53 to 56, in the latest list released yesterday. Both men are in Stuttgart for the Eurocard Open, for which Henman received a direct entry. Rusedski beat David Rikl, of the Czech Republic, 6-2 6-3 in the final qualifying round.

Lyle ruled out for Spain

GOLF: Sandy Lyle, who has fallen to 128th in the PGA European Tour money-list, has had an invitation to the Volvo Masters in Spain this week withdrawn. The former Open and US Masters champion won the event that ends the season four years ago. The tournament committee decided that six invitation places should go to non-members of the European Tour. Only two have been taken up but the 66-strong field has been filled instead by the next players on the order of merit.

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AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Redskins extend winning run with Giants' scalp

By Our Sports Staff

WASHINGTON Redskins survived a second-half onslaught to beat New York Giants 31-21 on Sunday, their sixth straight victory of the National Football League (NFL) season. The Redskins have not started so well since 1991, when they opened with an 11-0 winning sequence on their way to a 14-2 record and a 37-24 victory over Buffalo in Super Bowl XXVI.

Terry Allen rushed for three touchdowns and Darrell Green returned an interception 68 yards for a score as Washington opened a 28-0 half-time lead, but the Giants refused to surrender. While Washington notched up 252 yards in the first half, the Giants came back with 292 yards and three touchdowns in the second before the Redskins tacked on a late field goal to seal the win.

Washington kept their one-game lead over Philadelphia, who beat Miami 35-28. They are followed in the National Conference eastern division by Dallas, who eked out a 32-28 victory over lowly Atlanta. It was a third straight win but a lacklustre effort by the Cowboys, who do not look like defending Super Bowl champions.

Dallas wasted a a 17-6 lead, missed dozens of tackles and had to rally against the worst pass defense in the NFL. Troy Aikman linked with Kelvin Martin on a 60-yard touchdown pass with less than two minutes remaining to lift the Cowboys to a victory that kept Atlanta without a win this season.

"As a quarterback, you like to get in those situations because those are good tests," Aikman said. "If you pull it out, you feel good."

Steve Young, of San Francisco, knew what he meant. Hampered by a strained groin muscle, Young still raced 15 yards for a touchdown with 68 seconds left as the 49ers rallied from a 21-0 deficit to beat Cincinnati Bengals 28-21. That defeat finally brought the end for the head coach, Dave Shula, son of Don, who became the NFL's first casualty of the season. With a 19-52 record over four seasons, Shula had lost 50 games faster than any other NFL coach.

Houston and Denver both pulled back from the brink with fourth-quarter scoring surges. John Elway threw for 329 yards and three touchdowns as the Broncos scored 14 points in the fourth to beat the Baltimore Ravens 45-34.

In Houston, Willie Davis and the rookie, Eddie George, scored touchdowns less than two minutes apart to give the Oilers a 23-13 victory over Pittsburgh. The win moved Houston into a first-place tie with the Steelers for the American Conference (AFC) central division lead.

In other games, Buffalo beat the New York Jets 25-22 to move into a tie for the AFC East lead with Indianapolis, who lost at home to divisional rivals New England 27-9. St Louis defeated Jacksonville 17-14. Carolina overcame New Orleans 19-7 and Arizona beat Tampa Bay 13-9.

NFL DETAILS

RESULTS: Carolina 19 New Orleans 7, Dallas 32 Atlanta 28, Indianapolis 9 New England 27; Philadelphia 35 Miami 28; Washington 31 New York Giants 21, Arizona 13 Tampa Bay 9, Denver 45 Baltimore 34; Houston 23 Pittsburgh 13, New York Jets 22 Buffalo 25; San Francisco 28 Cincinnati 21; St Louis 17 Jacksonville 14

American Conference

	W	L	PF	PA
Eastern division				
Buffalo	5	2	104	117
Indianapolis	5	2	124	114
Miami	4	3	168	121
New England	4	3	174	140
NY Jets	0	8	114	212
Central division				
Houston	5	2	174	143
Pittsburgh	5	2	144	103
Jacksonville	3	5	151	153
Baltimore	2	5	159	201
Cincinnati	1	6	128	160
Western division				
Denver	6	1	189	127
Kansas City	5	2	151	108
San Diego	4	2	145	144
Oakland	3	4	156	134
Seattle	2	5	109	187

National Conference

	W	L	PF	PA
Eastern division				
Washington	6	1	161	99
Philadelphia	5	2	160	149
Dallas	4	3	136	107
Arizona	3	4	98	157
NY Giants	2	5	89	147
Central division				
Green Bay	6	1	227	92
Minnesota	5	2	127	116
Detroit	4	3	162	124
Chicago	2	5	104	152
Tampa Bay	1	6	78	152
Western division				
Carolina	5	2	164	91
San Francisco	5	2	183	106
St Louis	2	5	105	185
New Orleans	2	6	121	180
Atlanta	0	7	123	207

(Not including San Diego v Oakland)

FIXTURES: *Sunday:* Atlanta v Pittsburgh; Baltimore v St Louis, Cincinnati v Jacksonville, Detroit v New York Giants, Green Bay v Tampa Bay, Houston v San Francisco, Philadelphia v Carolina, Washington v Indianapolis; Arizona v New York Jets, Denver v Kansas City, Miami v Dallas, Seattle v San Diego, New England v Buffalo. *Monday:* Minnesota v Chicago

ICE HOCKEY

Duberman elevates Newcastle

By a Correspondent

NEWCASTLE Cobras put the icing on Sir John Hall's weekend cake with a 7-0 victory away to Bracknell Bees that took them to the top of the Superleague for the first time, one point clear of Sheffield Steelers and Cardiff Devils.

Within hours of David Ginola, one of Sir John's footballing imports, inspiring Newcastle United's 5-0 victory over Manchester United at St James' Park, another foreign player — Justin Duberman, a Canadian — ignited a stirring performance by the ice hockey branch of the Newcastle owner's sporting empire.

Having found the net twice against the same opponents on his debut the previous weekend, Duberman opened the Newcastle account after 11 minutes and his second goal of the game, with just six seconds of the second period remaining, took the score to 5-0.

The outstanding performance, however, came from the Newcastle and Great Britain goaltender, Stephen Foster, who saved all 40 Bracknell shots.

Ayr Scottish Eagles suffered their second consecutive defeat on their own ice, going down 8-2 against Cardiff. Another away win seemed likely when Derek Laxdal and Paul Adey gave Nottingham Panthers a 2-0 lead before ten minutes of their game against Manchester Storm had elapsed, but Manchester hit back, scoring six times without reply.

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7 30 unless stated
** denotes all-ticket match*

Coca-Cola Cup
Third round
Blackburn v Stockport (7 45) ....
Bolton v Chelsea (7 45) ....
Gillingham v Coventry (7.45) ....
Ipswich v Crystal Palace (7 45) ....
Port Vale v Oxford Utd (7 45) ....
Wimbledon v Luton (7 45) ....
* York v Leicester (7.45) ....

Scottish Coca-Cola Cup
Semi-final
Dunfermline v Rangers
(at Celtic Park, 7.45) ....

Uefa under-18 championship qualifier
Ireland v Denmark
(at Dalymount Park) ....

FA UMBRO TROPHY: First qualifying round replay: Moor Green v Atherton LR; Leigh RMI v Droylsden, Bilston v Alfreton; Gretna v Bedworth; Great Harwood v Tamworth, Workington v Albion, Cambridge City v Cirencester Town, Weymouth v Fareham; Thame United v Hendon, Walton and Hersham v Chesham, Leyton Pennant v Newport (IoW), Witney v Marlow.

DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Midland division: Shepshed v Moor Green

ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury v Boreham Wood; St Albans v Dulwich, Yeovil v Yeading. First division: Aldershot Town v Hampton; Uxbridge v Bognor Regis. Second division: Dorking v Bracknell, H Hempstead v Edgware; Horsham v Leighton; Leatherhead v Egham, Wivenhoe v Bedford T. Third division: East Thurrock v Flackwell Heath, Wealdstone v Wingate and Finchley

UNIBOND LEAGUE. Premier division: Blyth Spartans v Accrington Stanley; Chorley v Winsford; Colwyn Bay v Lancaster, Frickley v Spennymoor, Guiseley v Hyde, Leek v Runcorn, Marine v Bamber Bridge. First division: Congleton v Matlock Town, Curzon Ashton v Flixton, Eastwood Town v Worksop; Radcliffe v Harrogate Town; Stocksbridge PS v Whitley Bay.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Charlton v Queen's Park Rangers (at Welling United 2.0). Brighton v Arsenal (2 0)

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Manchester City v Hull (6 45) Rotherham v Bradford (7 0)

LEAGUE OF WALES: Cup: First round, second leg: Caersws v Inter Cable-Tel

FAI HARP LAGER NATIONAL LEAGUE CUP: Semi-final: Galway v Athlone

SUN LIFE GOLD CUP: Quarter-finals Ballymena v Portadown, Bangor v Linfield, Glentoran v Crusaders; Omagh v Glenavon

SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier division: Paulton R v Bridport, Westbury v Elmore.

COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Ash v Hartley Wintney, Corinthian-Casuals v Raynes Park Vale Godalming and Guildford v Cove

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Senior Cup: Group D: Barkingside v Islington St Mary'S; Brimsdown v Haringey

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Fakenham v Bury Town, Gorleston v Wroxham, Newmarket v Tiptree, Sudbury Wanderers v Clacton Town

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Lymington v Downton; Gosport v BAT, Thatcham v Ryde Sports. League Cup, first round: Lowestoft v Harwich and Parkeston

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Bridgnorth Town v Blakenall, Stratford T v Barwell

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Corinthian v Greenwich; Thamesmead v Cray, Tunbridge Wells v Herne Bay, Whitstable v Crockenhill

SCHOOLS MATCH: London Cup: Surrey v Middlesex (at Ewell 11 0)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Tour match
New Zealand Maoris v Great Britain XIII
(at Whangarei 7 30am) ....

OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER: Grand Prix (in Bournemouth).

مكبر من الأصل

Home truths that can save the lost souls of football

ROB HUGHES

Overseas Football

ONCE upon a time, a society was judged by the way it reared its children. Now we focus on those grown-ups wearing short pants who, in the glare of the spotlight, turn from role models into problem children. When Gordon Taylor, the chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association, called yesterday for counselling as a matter of course, and not merely for fallen idols such as Paul Gascoigne and Paul Merson, his remedy followed almost word-for-word that of Carlos Saul Menem, the President of Argentina, when his country first wrestled with the drug-taking of Diego Maradona.

Ironically, Maradona, his jailed agent and others have recently brought their problems back to Menem's door. But the link, and the perceived cure that lies in psychiatric therapy, is the same in England, in Latin America, and wherever footballers are projected onto posters that fill the bedroom walls of the next generation of youngsters.

"It is important that we look at the lives of players away from football and try to make sure they do not take on too much, and can cope with things," Taylor said yesterday. "It is quite apparent because of the high profile of the game and the pressures on players, that it is important for football management, football clubs and football as a whole, to have counselling programmes."

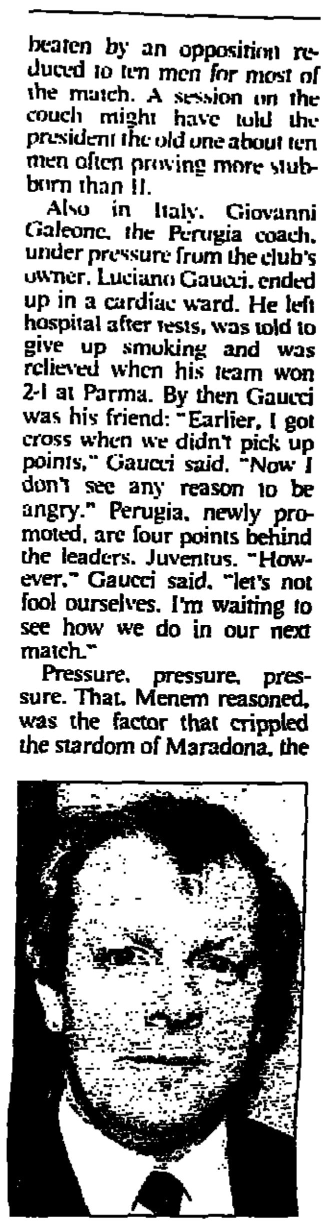
Taylor is sincere in this and honest in his admission that neither he, nor anyone in football, has the training to deal with the personal problems (one might add the personality problems) of the modern so-called superstar.

One thing is evident: nothing sane will penetrate the game unless the presidents, the chairmen, the rulers are themselves subjected to corrective measures.

Take Italy on a normal, ie, manic, day. Yesterday Cagliari sacked Gregorio Perez, their coach, because, a couple of months after being hired, he had failed to turn a mediocre club into a giant of *Serie A*. Cagliari were beaten on Sunday, 2-1, away to Lazio, and the president, Massimo Cellino, explained, he considered rationally, that he could not keep a coach whose team were beaten by an opposition reduced to ten men for most of the match. A session on the couch might have told the president the old one about ten men often proving more stubborn than 11.

Also in Italy, Giovanni Galeone, the Perugia coach, under pressure from the club's owner, Luciano Gaucci, ended up in a cardiac ward. He left hospital after tests, was told to give up smoking and was relieved when his team won 2-1 at Parma. By then Gaucci was his friend: "Earlier, I got cross when we didn't pick up points," Gaucci said. "Now I don't see any reason to be angry." Perugia, newly promoted, are four points behind the leaders, Juventus. "However," Gaucci said, "let's not fool ourselves. I'm waiting to see how we do in our next match."

Pressure, pressure, pressure. That, Menem reasoned, was the factor that crippled the stardom of Maradona, the player whose rise from the southern Buenos Aires shanty of Fiorita symbolised Argentina more than anything since the ascent of Eva Perón. The President, personally instructing the country's leading therapists to help to restore Maradona at the beginning of this decade, acknowledged that children, this time literally, were pitched straight into the mania of international sporting acclaim without preparation and adequate schooling.



Taylor: remedy

Menem believed in the Greek philosophy of sport "making men wiser and more cautious". Victor Lupo, secretary-general of Argentina's National Sports Council, was, however, instructed by him to ensure that boys did not give up school at 13, as Maradona had done, and so the children's programmes, called Children's Evita Sports, were born.

In Amsterdam, Ajax try to maintain the proper education, for classroom and for life, of boys being groomed for acclaim. Ajax are tremendously successful, yet Patrick Kluivert, a European Cup-winner in his teens who was the driver of a car involved in an accident in which another motorist was killed, is struggling, physically and mentally, to return to his former, carefree and gifted state.

Clearly, Taylor, like Menem six years ago, is trying to grapple with a problem created by ignorance, but not created in the households of Gascoigne or Merson alone.

Their attempted transition from council house to counselling room is a tale of our times. "They are asked to play like boys, in an environment that is harsh, sometimes corrupt, and obviously disorientating," Dr Nelida Khaled, a clinical psychologist in Buenos Aires at the time Menem called for counselling, said. "Maradona came from the poorest sector of our society, he came to be despised for his riches. He was cut off from the earth, the habits of home, and the family. When all three are lost, you hallucinate, and it is not only drugs that can do this." Her solution? The doctor said that only the family, probably the mother, could give the counselling and reorientate a lost soul such as Maradona. Go home Gazza.

Victorious Sutton can set sights on higher attainment

David Powell relates a tall story of monotonous training bringing kudos to a working woman

Nobody can say that the odds were in Marian Sutton's favour — where she lives, her lifestyle, her height. Joan Benoit-Samuelson, the first women's Olympic marathon champion, commentating for television on the Chicago Marathon on Sunday, was struck by one perceived disadvantage. "She does not look like a marathon runner, she is very tall," Benoit-Samuelson said — but people used to say that Michael Johnson did not look like a sprinter.

Sutton, at 6ft, may never enjoy the full benefit of shielding from the elements behind a group, but she has never considered her build a drawback. Never? "Only when people say things like Joan Benoit said does it enter my mind that maybe there is something in it," she said.

"Everybody thinks that tall people cannot be distance runners for some reason. I never suspected I would not be a good runner because of my height."

Benoit-Samuelson's observation came when Sutton seemed to have no chance of winning, when Kristy Johnston led by half a minute in the 24th mile. Sutton came past a mile from home to win in 2hr 30min 41sec, only the second British woman this decade, after Liz McColgan, to win a big-city marathon.

Sutton is not a big-city woman. She lives in Looe, Cornwall, remote from training partners and where limited street lighting forces her to run repetitive loops on winter nights. Unassuming, with a cheery disposition, she is richer by $43,000 (about £28,000) from prize-money and bonuses, but still she planned to take the bus home from Heathrow — "single to Liskeard, please, and where can I put the Chicago Marathon trophy?"

As well as training alone Sutton works full-time as a solicitor's secretary, commuting between Looe and Liskeard. "I have been penalised through having to work and where I live," she said. "I would say 90 per cent of the athletes at this level do not work."

CHARLES BENNETT

A triumphant Sutton crosses the line to claim victory in the Chicago Marathon

Sutton has a right to expect good offers for next year from London and Chicago, so she could afford to go full-time, but she is not sure that she wants to. She is not even sure that she wants to run in London. She is reluctant to give up work because she would find the exclusive commitment to running suffocating. On the other hand, it would enhance her prospects of breaking 2hr 30min.

The dilemma is one of two she faces. The other is whether, in 1997, to run London or the world championships in Athens. "I would not do both," she said. It might sound spiteful that she relishes saying "up yours" to the British Athletic Federation by declining selection for Athens, having been omitted from the Olympic team; however, coming from one normally so affable, it merely underlined the hurt.

"The Olympics is everything to an athlete," she said. "I was very upset with the British selectors over Atlanta. I felt unjustifiably left out."

Sutton, now 33, was 17 when she ran her first marathon. "I remember going back to school the next day, to a cookery lesson, and I could not bend down to get the pots out of the cupboard," she said. So tall marathon runners *do* suffer disadvantages.

Paul Evans, the Chicago men's champion, has had his time corrected from 2hr 08min 51sec to 2hr 08min 52sec. Only the third Briton, behind Steve Jones and Charlie Spedding, to break 2hr 09min after his five-mile solo burst of 24min 14sec to the 24-mile mark, Evans could be the answer to the London Marathon's need for a home men's champion after three years without one.

CRICKET

Houghton helps Zimbabwe to safety

By Our Sports Staff

THE first Test between Pakistan and Zimbabwe, at Sheikhupura, ended in a draw yesterday after Zimbabwe, who conceded a 178-run lead in the first innings, reached 241 for seven in the second innings when stumps were drawn with eight overs remaining.

Zimbabwe were in trouble when they resumed yesterday at 38 for one — Alistair Campbell being given out by Khizar Hayat, the Pakistani umpire, leg-before to Waqar Younis when Waqar did not appeal — but David Houghton and Grant Flower took the score to 124 before Flower was caught by Shadab Kabir off Saqlain Mushtaq for 46.

Andy Flower and Houghton had added 35 when Houghton was bowled by Saqlain for 65 and Zimbabwe's resistance appeared to be crumbling as Craig Wishart, who was bowled by Shahid Nazir, lasted only 26 balls.

Guy Whittall, though, joined Flower after tea with Zimbabwe on 189 for five and they produced a match-saving partnership of 54, remaining together for more than an hour. Flower scored only 18 but defied the Pakistan attack superbly for two hours. He was eventually bowled by Shahid. Whittall made 32 off 96 balls and was caught off Saqlain.

At the close, Paul Strang, who became the first Zimbabwean to score a century — in the first innings — and take five wickets in a Test match, was 13 not out.

The second and final Test is due to start at Faisalabad on Thursday.

ZIMBABWE: First Innings 375 (G W Flower 110, P A Strang 106 not out; Shahid Nazir 5 for 53).

Second Innings

M H Dekker c Wasim b Saqlain	13
G W Flower c Shadab b Saqlain	46
*A D R Campbell lbw b Waqar	15
D L Houghton b Saqlain	65
†A Flower b Shahid	18
C B Wishart b Shahid	10
G J Whittall c sub b Saqlain	32
P A Strang not out	13
A R Whittall not out	0
Extras (b 11, lb 10, nb 8)	29
Total (7 wkts)	241

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-40, 3-124, 4-159, 5-177, 6-221, 7-232.

BOWLING: Waqar Younis 20-3-60-1; Shahid Nazir 19-6-45-2; Saqlain Mushtaq 40-16-75-4; Wasim Akram 5-0-16-0; Aamir Sohail 11-6-12-0; Salim Malik 5-1-12-0.

PAKISTAN: First Innings 553 (Wasim Akram 257 not out, Saqlain Mushtaq 79, Salim Malik 52, Saeed Anwar 51; P A Strang 5-212).

Man of the match: Wasim Akram.

Umpires: D Orchard (South Africa) and Khizar Hayat (Pakistan).

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

CHICAGO MARATHON: Men: 1, P Evans (GB) 2hr 8min 52sec; 2, J Lawson (US) 2:10:04; 3, L Shvetsov (Russ) 2:10:23; 4, E Martin (GB) 2:11:21; 5, G Staines (GB) 2:11:24. Women: 1, M Sutton (GB) 2:30:41; 2, K Johnson (US) 2:31:06; 3, D Bartozek (Can) 2:33:01.

TORONTO MARATHON: Men: P Mougua (Ken) 2hr 20min 33sec. Women: F Webb (Can) 2:37:52.

SEDBERGH, Cumbria: Fell Runners Association relays: Men: 1, Borrowdale 4hr 14min 57sec; 2, Bingley 4:18:56; 3, Pudsey and Bramley 4:24:14. Women: 1, Pudsey and Bramley (41st overall) 5:27:58; 2, Dark Peak (57th) 5:55:50; 3, Leeds City (58th) 5:57:51.

BASEBALL

WORLD SERIES: Atlanta 12 New York 1 (Atlanta lead best-of-seven series 1-0).

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Worthing 98 Derby 115, Sheffield 86 Darby 74.

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Sheffield	9	7	2	782	643	14
Leopards	8	6	2	800	722	12
Chester	8	6	2	703	665	12
Birmingham	7	5	2	577	545	10
Leicester	6	5	1	525	462	10
London	7	5	2	633	530	10
Manchester	8	5	3	647	612	10
Derby	11	4	7	985	1052	8
Newcastle	6	4	2	549	536	8
Thames Valley	10	3	7	929	956	6
Crystal Palace	10	2	8	737	839	4
Worthing	9	2	7	735	797	4
Hemel and W	9	0	9	764	1003	0

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Plymouth 95 Mid Sussex 86, Stockton 79 Liverpool 77. Women: First division: Crystal Palace 40 Birmingham 60, Barking and Dagenham 44 Thames Valley 61, Ipswich 72 Northampton 56; London 51 Sheffield 77, Nottingham 60 Spelthorne 62, Rhondda 71 Harlesden 48.

BOWLS

ALL-ENGLAND MIXED INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (Egham Trophy): Preliminary round: Hull and District bt North Cave 91-79; East Lindsey bt Spalding 79-73; Lincoln bt Scunthorpe 96-70; Dunholme bt Long Sutton 84-81; Sleaford bt Horncastle 84-69; Boston bt Grantham 91-65; Addlethorpe bt Louth 88-83; Barwell bt Bassetlaw 83-56; Melton Mowbray bt Newark 75-73; Rushcliffe bt Gedling 82-70; Nottingham bt Church Gresley 110-56; Leicester bt Charnwood 88-86; Ashfield bt Erewash 77-73; Cambridge Chesterton bt Wisbech 79-68; Wellingborough bt Desborough (Northants) 81-79; Mid Suffolk bt Risbygate 78-75; Desborough (Maidenhead) bt Riverain 75-65; Bentham wo Gloucester scr; Chipping Norton bt Swindon Westlecot 84-70; Dorchester bt Bournemouth 107-59; Northavon bt Bristol 79-73; Donyatt bt Watchet 11-57; British Cellophane bt Weston St Andrews 89-74; Ilminster bt Mid-Devon 75-73; Minehead bt Yeovil 85-77; Teignbridge bt Exmouth 106-63; Torbay bt Kingsley 116-43; Exonia bt Sidmouth 107-47.

GREENGAUGE WELSH NATIONAL INDOOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: East section: Cardiff 129 Merthyr 109; Islwyn 135 Rhondda 100; Taff Ely 133 Vale of Glamorgan 94; Torfaen 143 Newport 101. West section: Dinefwr 95 Swansea 139; Earlswood 140 Heatherton 76; Llanelli 120 Port Talbot 104; Pembroke 129 Ogwr 102. North section: Bro Ddyfi 109 Flint 128; Sealand 158 Severn Valley 81.

CIS INSURANCE SCOTTISH INDOOR LEAGUE: Premier division: Section A: Aberdeen 84 Edinburgh 71; East Lothian 79 West Lothian 83; Turriff 97 Dundee 75. Section B: Ayr 76 Prestwick 92; Auchinleck 91 Bainfield 71; Cumbernauld 75 Lanarkshire 76. First division: Section A: Fraserburgh 80 Balbardie 97; Stirling 68 Alloa 63; Stonehaven 60 Midlothian 106. Section B: Coatbridge 57 Blantyre 78; Paisley 105 Irvine 47; Inverclyde 78 Nithsdale 84.

CYCLING

HILL CLIMBS: Chesterfield Spire RC (Rowsley Bank, 970 yards): 1, W Moore (Leo RC) 3min 16.1sec; 2, T Clarke (Leicestershire RC) 3:27.2; 3, S Foster (Chesterfield Coureurs) 3:33.1.

FOOTBALL

Sunday's late results

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Juventus 2 Internazionale 0.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Valencia 3 Atletico Madrid 1.

GERMAN LEAGUE: Bayern Munich 0 Borussia Dortmund 0.

DUTCH LEAGUE: PSV Eindhoven 7 Feyenoord 2.

FRENCH LEAGUE: Paris Saint-Germain 1 Auxerre 1.

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Santos 1 Flamengo 2; Palmeiras 4 Vitoria 2; Fluminense 3 Vasco 2; Botafogo 2 Goias 3; Juventude 0 Atletico-PR 2; Cruzeiro 4 Bragantino 0; Criciuma 2 Portuguesa 3; Internacional 0 Guarani 0; Coritiba 1 Parana 0; Bahia 1 Gremio 2; Sport 0 Atletico-MG 0; São Paulo 0 Corinthians 0.

ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Huracan 1 Independiente 1; Estudiantes 1 San Lorenzo 0; Colon 0 Lanus 1; Banfield 0 Gimnasia La Plata 2; Racing 2 Union 1; Gimnasia Jujuy 0 Huracan Corrientes 0; Rosario Central 2 River 5; Deportivo Español 1 Velez 2; Boca 2 Newell's 1.

FA UMBRO TROPHY: Second round, qualifying: Atherton LR or Moor Green v Ilkeston Town; Witton Albion or Workington v Redditch United; Farsley Celtic v Worksop Town; Stocksbridge Park Steels v Shepshed Dynamo; Buxton v Eastwood Town; Congleton Town v Solihull Borough; Whitley Bay v Bradford (Park Avenue); Alfreton Town or Bilston Town v Tamworth or Great Harwood Town; Lancaster City v Droylsden or Leigh RMI; Lincoln United v Frickley Athletic; Grantham Town v Winsford United; Curzon Ashton v Bedworth United or Gretna; Knowsley United v Radon; Heybridge Swifts v Grays Athletic; Oxford City v Basingstoke Town; Fareham Town or Weymouth v Clevedon Town; Aylesbury United v Sittingbourne; Salisbury City v Marlow or Witney Town; Weston-super-Mare v Raunds Town; Forest Green Rovers v Cirencester Town or Cambridge City; Maidenhead United v Bromley; Aldershot Town v Chesham United or Walton and Hersham; Hendon or Thame United v Sutton United; Hampton v Gravesend and Northfleet or St Leonards Stamcroft; Chertsey Town v Yeading; Fisher Athletic (London) or Molesey v Havant Town; Dartford v Tooting and Mitcham United; Wokingham Town v Newport (IoW) or Leyton Pennant; Billericay Town v Dorchester Town; Staines Town v Kings Lynn; Ashford Town v Bishop's Stortford; Baldock Town v Evesham United.

☐ Ties to be played on November 9.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Southern league: East Berkshire 4 Vale of White Horse 5; Mid Oxfordshire 1 Havant 6; Gosport 2 Swindon 2. Hughes Shield: Southampton 6 Isle of Wight 2; Gosport 3 Eastleigh 4. Cotswold League: Swindon 2 Gloucester 0; Mid Oxfordshire 8 Forest of Dean 4. Essex Finch Shield: Halton 1 Kirkby Knowsley 4. Cheshire Cup: Thameside 0 Sefton 5. Talbot Cup: Under-14: Tameside 3 Manchester 0; Trafford 1 Bolton 3; Salford 0 Bury 4. Kent sevens championships: Final: Gravesham 0 Bexley 0 (trophy shared).

GOLF

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Florida: Walt Disney world classic (US unless stated): Leading final scores: 267: T Woods 69, 63, 69, 66. 268: P Stewart 68, 63, 70, 67. 269: R Gamez 66, 66, 70, 67. 270: N Henke 71, 64, 71, 64. 271: J Haas 65, 67, 68, 71; R Fehr 65, 65, 70, 71; L Clements 67, 67, 66, 71. 272: M Springer 69, 67, 70, 66; D Hart 68, 66, 69, 69; J Kelly 69, 64, 69, 70; J Carter 66, 65, 71, 70; R Black 66, 66, 69, 71. 273: J McGovern 65, 67, 73, 68; G Day 67, 66, 71, 69; J Sindelar 66, 71, 67, 69; S Hoch 68, 66, 71, 70; L Nelson 65, 67, 70, 71.

EL DORADO HILLS, California: Senior Gold Rush: Leading final scores (US unless stated): 202: J Colbert 67, 68, 67. 207: D Stockton 70, 69, 68. 208: J Kiefer 68, 73, 69; B Baird 73, 64, 71. 209: H Irwin 69, 69, 71. Other scores: 212: D Graham (Aus) 71, 69, 72. 217: S Hobday (SA) 75, 73, 69; A Jacklin (GB) 74, 73, 70; R Charles (NZ) 74, 73, 70. 218: B Barnes (GB) 74, 69, 75.

GYMNASTICS

BATH: British inter-regional women's team championships: 1, North West 172.575pts; 2, South East 168.750; 3, London 166.875; 4, South West 165.875; 5, West Midlands 165.750; 6, South 164.400.

HOCKEY

TRINIDAD: Women's World Cup: Preliminary-round tournament: Pool A: Jamaica 2 Trinidad and Tobago 1. Pool B: Belgium 5 Cuba 0; Japan 3 Czech Republic 1; New Zealand 7 France 0.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Chicago 2 Los Angeles 1; St Louis 2 San Jose 3; Tampa Bay 5 New York Rangers 2; Anaheim 1 Boston 5; Calgary 6 Edmonton 3; Phoenix 1 Florida 1 (OT).

SUPERLEAGUE: Ayr 2 Cardiff 8, Bracknell 0 Newcastle 7, Manchester 6 Nottingham 2.

PREMIER LEAGUE: Guildford 8 Telford 3; Kingston 3 Slough 4, Medway 4 Solihull 8; Peterborough 3 Swindon 13.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Fife 7 Castlereagh 3, Paisley 4 Dumfries 5, Whitley 6 Murrayfield 5 (OT).

LACROSSE

MOTSPUR PARK: Women's triangular tournament: London University 8 Cambridge University 3; London University 7 Oxford University 2; Oxford University 8 Cambridge University 6.

MODERN PENTATHLON

BENENDEN SCHOOL: Sealions Open: Men: 1, E Egan (Osler) 5,101pts; 2, P Mitchell (Northumbria) 5,009; 3, S Robbie (Sealions) 4,992. Women: 1, J Allen (Camb Old Blues) 5,488; 2, S Cook (Osler) 5,430; 3, K Allenby (Sealions) 5,402.

RUGBY UNION

Currie Cup

Semi-final

Natal 35 Free State 20

Natal: Tries: Small, Mendez, van Heerden, Joubert, Putt. Cons: Joubert 2. Pens: Joubert, Lacroix. Free State: Tries: Muller, Swanepoel. Cons: Smith 2. Pen: Smith. Dropped goal: Smith.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Welsh schools Cup: Preliminary round: Radyr CS 33 Maesydderwen CS 57; Bishop of Llandaf 15 Lewis Boys, Pengam 46; Dyffryn Taf CS 5 Ysgol Preseli 0; Tasker Milward 15 QE Maridunum 50; Heolddu CS 29 Ferndale CS 14; Whitchurch CS 70 Cynffig CS 10; Rhydfelin CS 36 Dyffryn Taf 14; Thomas Picton 15 Bedwas CS 23. First round: Greenhill CS 23 St Cyre's CS 10; Croesyceiliog CS 14 Coed-Y-Lan CS 28; Llanelli College 35 Fishguard HS 7; Maesteg CS 35 Bro Myrddin 0; Tonyrefail CS 37 Barry Boys CS 5; Aberaeron CS 7 Swansea College 29. St Joseph's College Festival: Plate: Sedbergh 6 Bedford 3. Final: Colston's 24 QEGS, Barnet 7.

SNOOKER

BOURNEMOUTH: Grand Prix: Second round: A Jones (Eng) bt S Storey (Eng) 5-1; A Robidoux (Can) bt G Wilkinson (Eng) 5-3; J Wattana (Thai) bt P McPhillips (Scot) 5-2; E Henderson (Scot) bt J Bach (Eng) 5-3.

TENNIS

HONG KONG: Men's tournament: Final: P Rafter (Aus) bt V Spadea (US) 6-2, 3-6, 6-2, 7-5.

WIMBLEDON: Save the Children Fund tournament: Men: S Simmonds and T Davies (Price Waterhouse) bt M Stapleton and A Paton (Law Society) 6-2. Women: J Plumtree and Y Leonard (Lincoln ITC) bt R Naunton-Morgan and S Reid (Roehampton Club) 6-4.

TRIATHLON

SYDNEY: International Triathlon Union World Cup: Men: 1, M Stewart (Aus) 1hr 46min 22sec; 2, C Walton (Aus) 1:47:34; 3, G Bennett (Aus) 1:48:27. Leading overall standings: 1, A Manzan (Br) 1,900pts; 2, Stewart 1,735; 3, P Fattori (Fr) 1,483. Women: 1, E Carney (Aus) 1hr 50min 15sec; 2, J Gallagher (Aus) 2:00:21; 3, W Hoozaad (Hol) 2:02:00. Leading overall standings: 1, Carney 4,339pts; 2, Gallagher 2,220; 3, C Montgomery (Can) 2,110.

VOLLEYBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Malory Lewisham 3 Polonia Ealing 0; Reebok Liverpool City 3 Sportset Whitefield 0; Leeds 3 Warwick Riga 2; Crofton Sportswearhouse 1 Tooting Aquila 3; Wessex 1 City Of Stoke 3. Women: First division: Smoke Free Birmingham 3 Reebok Liverpool City 1; Orpington 1 Loughborough 3; London Malory 2 Man Utd Salford 3; Ashcombe Guildford 3 Sheff Wed 0.

WOMEN'S CHAMPION CUP: Britannia Music City 3 VC Mamer (Lux) 0 (Britannia Music City win 6-0 on agg).

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday October 26

Coupon No fixture, forecast

FA PREMIERSHIP
1 Arsenal v Leeds 1
2 Chelsea v Tottenham 2
3 Coventry v Sheff W 1
4 Leicester v Newcastle X
5 Middlesbro v Wim'don X
6 South'pton v Man Utd 2
7 Sunderland v A Villa X
8 W Ham v Blackburn 2

FIRST DIVISION
9 Birm'gham v Norwich X
10 Charlton v Oxford X
11 C Palace v Grimsby 1
12 Hudd'f'd v P Vale 1
13 Ipswich v Tranmere 1
14 Oldham v Southend 2
15 Reading v Swindon 2
16 Sheff Utd v QPR 1
17 Stoke v Portsmouth 1
18 West Brom v Bradford 1

SECOND DIVISION
19 Blackpool v Watford 2
20 Brentford v Millwall X
21 Bristol C v Notts Co 1
22 Burnley v Plymouth 1
23 Bury v Bristol R 1
24 Chest'f'd v York 1
25 Gillingham v Preston X
26 Luton v Bournemouth 1
27 Rotherham v Peterbor 2
28 Shrewsbury v Crewe 2
29 Walsall v Stockport X
30 Wycombe v Wrexham 2

THIRD DIVISION
31 Barnet v Carlisle 1
32 Brighton v Fulham 2
33 Cardiff v Leyton O 1
34 Chester v Hereford 1
35 Exeter v Hartlepool 1
36 Lincoln v Colchester 2
37 North'pton v Darl'gton X
38 Scarboro v Mansfield 1
39 Scunth'pe v Rochdale 1

SCOTTISH PREMIER
40 Aberdeen v Raith 1
41 Dundee U v Hearts 2
42 Dunf'line v Kilmarn'k 1
43 Hibernian v Celtic X
44 Rangers v Motherwell 1

SCOTTISH FIRST
45 G Morton v Dundee 2
46 Partick v Falkirk 1
47 S J'stone v St Mirren 1
48 Stirling v Clydebank 1

SCOTTISH SECOND
49 Ayr v Brechin 1

DRAWS (home teams): Leicester, Middlesbrough, Sunderland, Birmingham, Charlton, Brentford, Gillingham, Walsall, Northampton, Hibernian.

BEST DRAWS: Middlesbrough, Birmingham, Charlton, Walsall, Northampton.

AWAYS: Tottenham, Swindon, Wrexham, Fulham, Colchester.

HOMES: Coventry, Crystal Palace, Huddersfield, Sheffield United, Bristol City, Luton, Exeter, Scarborough, Scunthorpe, St Johnstone.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Crystal Palace, Huddersfield, Luton, Exeter, Scarborough. Aways: Swindon, Wrexham, Colchester. Draws: Birmingham, Charlton, Walsall.

☐ Vince Wright

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

This hand, reported by Barry Rigal at the European Youth Championships, is on the theme of communication. Declarer wants to draw trumps before the defence get a ruff.

Dealer North **North-South vul**

North:
♠3
♥A876
♦AQ1052
♣Q85

West:
♠K52
♥KQ532
♦J6
♣K73

East:
♠974
♥J10
♦K87
♣AJ964

South:
♠AQJ1086
♥94
♦943
♣102

Contract: Two Spades by South. Lead: king of hearts

North opened One Diamond and South responded Two Spades. On their methods that was not a strong bid, so North passed and that became the final contract.

Left to his own devices declarer is quite comfortable in Two Spades. He makes five spade tricks, one heart and in the fullness of time two diamond tricks. To prevail the defence have to get a diamond ruff before declarer draws trumps.

Declarer correctly won the first heart (else the defence get on to diamonds immediately), East playing the jack. Declarer continued with a spade to the queen and king. Now West (the Hungarian, Tamas Szalka) found the only card to beat the contract — the six of diamonds. Declarer finessed the queen, East took the king and co-operated nobly by refusing to cash the ten of hearts. He returned a diamond and declarer remained locked in dummy. Whatever he played, East was bound to get in and play a third diamond. So the defence eventually got a diamond ruff to go with a spade trick, a heart trick, the king of diamonds and two club tricks.

Notice that it was not good enough for West to switch to the jack of diamonds — declarer plays the queen and now has an entry back to his hand with the nine of diamonds to draw trumps.

☐ The Great Britain Open team continues to make excellent progress in the World Olympiad in Rhodes. On Sunday evening they defeated Yugoslavia 19-11, but then lost to Portugal 19-11. Yesterday morning, the team scored two impressive wins over Jordan and Greece, the host nation, 25-5 and 24-6 respectively, to leave them in second place.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Karpov suffering

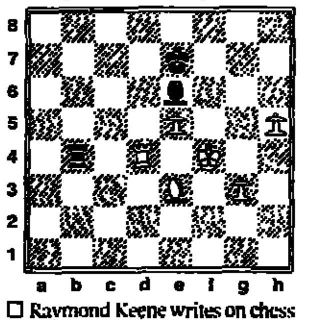
Anatoly Karpov is suffering one of the worst results of his life. The problem appears to be that his opening repertoire as Black, normally solid, though somewhat limited in scope, was tested to the maximum by his extended Fide championship match against Gata Kamsky earlier this year. Karpov's opponents, therefore, have been granted unprecedented material and access to the chinks in the champion's defensive armour. The game today was Karpov's second loss from Tilburg. White's strategic performance was impressive, culminating in the beautiful sacrifice 32 Ng5+ when 32 ... fxg5 is met 33 fxe5+.

White: Loek van Wely
Black: Anatoly Karpov
Tilburg, October 1996

Queen's Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	e6
3	Nf3	b6
4	g3	Ba6
5	b3	Bb7
6	Bg2	Bb4+
7	Bd2	a5
8	0-0	0-0
9	Nc3	d6
10	Qc2	Nbd7
11	Rfe1	Bxc3
12	Bxc3	Be4
13	Qb2	Qb8
14	Bf1	c5
15	Rad1	Rd8
16	Bh3	a4
17	Nd2	axb3
18	axb3	Bb7
19	d5	e5
20	e4	Nf8
21	f4	N6d7
22	Nf3	Re8
23	Rf1	f6
24	Qc2	Qc7
25	Ra1	Rxa1
26	Rxa1	Kf7
27	Nh4	Ra8
28	Rf1	Bc8
29	Qe2	g6
30	Qf2	Qd8
31	Nf3	Qe7
32	Ng5+	Kg7
33	Ne6+	Kg8
34	Nc7	Ra7
35	Nb5	Ra8
36	fxe5	dxe5
37	d6	Qf7
38	Nc7	Rb8
39	Nd5	Kg7
40	Bxd7	Nxd7
41	Nxf6	Qxf6
42	Qxf6+	Nxf6
43	Bxe5	Bh3
44	Bxf6+	Kf7
45	Rf4	Ke6
46	Be7	Ra8
47	Rh4	Ra1+
48	Kf2	Ra2+
49	Ke3	Bf1
50	Rxh7	Rb2
51	d7	Re2+
52	Kf4	Kxd7
53	Bxc5+	Kc6
54	Be3	g5+
55	Kf3	Rb2
56	Rh6+	Kd7
57	Kg4	Rxb3
58	Bxb6	Bxc4
59	Kxg5	Rb5+
60	Kf4	Bd3
61	e5	Bc4
62	Rd6+	Ke7
63	h4	Be6
64	h5	Rb2
65	Be3	Rb4+
66	Rd4	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

HECKLESTER
a. A heckler
b. A horse's collar
c. A dresser of flax

JUISE
a. Doom
b. A Jewess
c. A fruit cordial

IMPASTO
a. Green spinach pasta
b. A score at real tennis
c. Laying it on thick

HESPERORNIS
a. A dead bird
b. Evening nest-seeking
c. Yesterday morning

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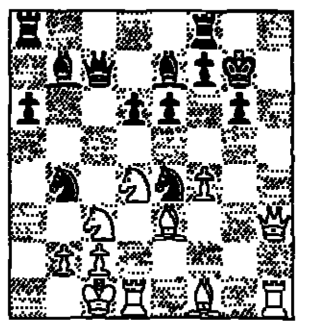
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene



White to play. This position is from the game Situru — Saltaev, Erevan Olympiad 1996. Although a couple of pawns down, the open h-file gives White a tremendous attack. However, he needs an accurate sequence to finish off the game. How did he continue?

Solution on page 50

Golf's latest sensation has potential to become sporting superstar

Woods seals his claim to world class

JOHN HOPKINS

Golf Correspondent

As one of golf's young stars bade farewell to Wentworth, an even younger and potentially greater luminary claimed his second tournament victory in three weeks in the United States. Ernie Els, 27, may have won his third consecutive World Match Play Championship in Surrey on Sunday, but in Florida, Tiger Woods, 20, captured the Walt Disney World Classic to give further credence to the view that he has the potential to conquer the world.

In the past two months Woods has gone from being a phenomenon in golf to a phenomenon in sport. In August Woods captured his third successive US Amateur title, something that no one had done before him. Then, to a fanfare of trumpets, he turned professional, joining Nick Faldo and Colin Montgomerie, among others, in the International Management Group's (IMG) stable of players.

Immediately he signed contracts with Nike, the sports goods manufacturers, and Titleist, the golf equipment manufacturer, that some sources said were worth $40 million (about £26 million) and others suggested were nearer $60 million over five years. "Tiger Woods has to be looked at well beyond golf," Wally Uihlein, president of Titleist, said. "He is a potential sporting megastar, like Michael Jordan."

Such a huge investment in one who had not yet hit a ball as a professional was quite something but that was only the half of it. There were some siren voices wondering whether Woods could possibly live up to it all. "No one gets that kind of money without incentive clauses — top five in the money-list, a major championship in five years, those sorts of things," Frank Williams, Greg Norman's manager, said. "That $40 million figure is pure IMG hype."

Other questions centred on Woods's health. Would it hold up? He has been dogged by back, wrist and leg ailments in the past two years. Could he cope with being the first young, non-white American in a predominantly white Anglo-Saxon Protestant sport? And for all that his golf was occasionally magnificent, at other times it was naive. There were a lot of questions being asked on the August day when Woods turned professional.

Woods has answered most of them since then, making his name arguably the best-known in the game. Now that he stands 23rd on the United States money-list, his play is beginning to match up to its advance billing. On this form he is certain to play in the Ryder Cup in Spain next year and seems destined to become the biggest thing ever seen in golf, bigger than Ben Hogan, Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus. In his seven tournaments as a professional Woods has finished sixtieth, eleventh, fifth, third, first, third and now first again. In the 27 rounds he has played he is 95 under par and since he turned pro he has earned $734,794 (about £475,000).

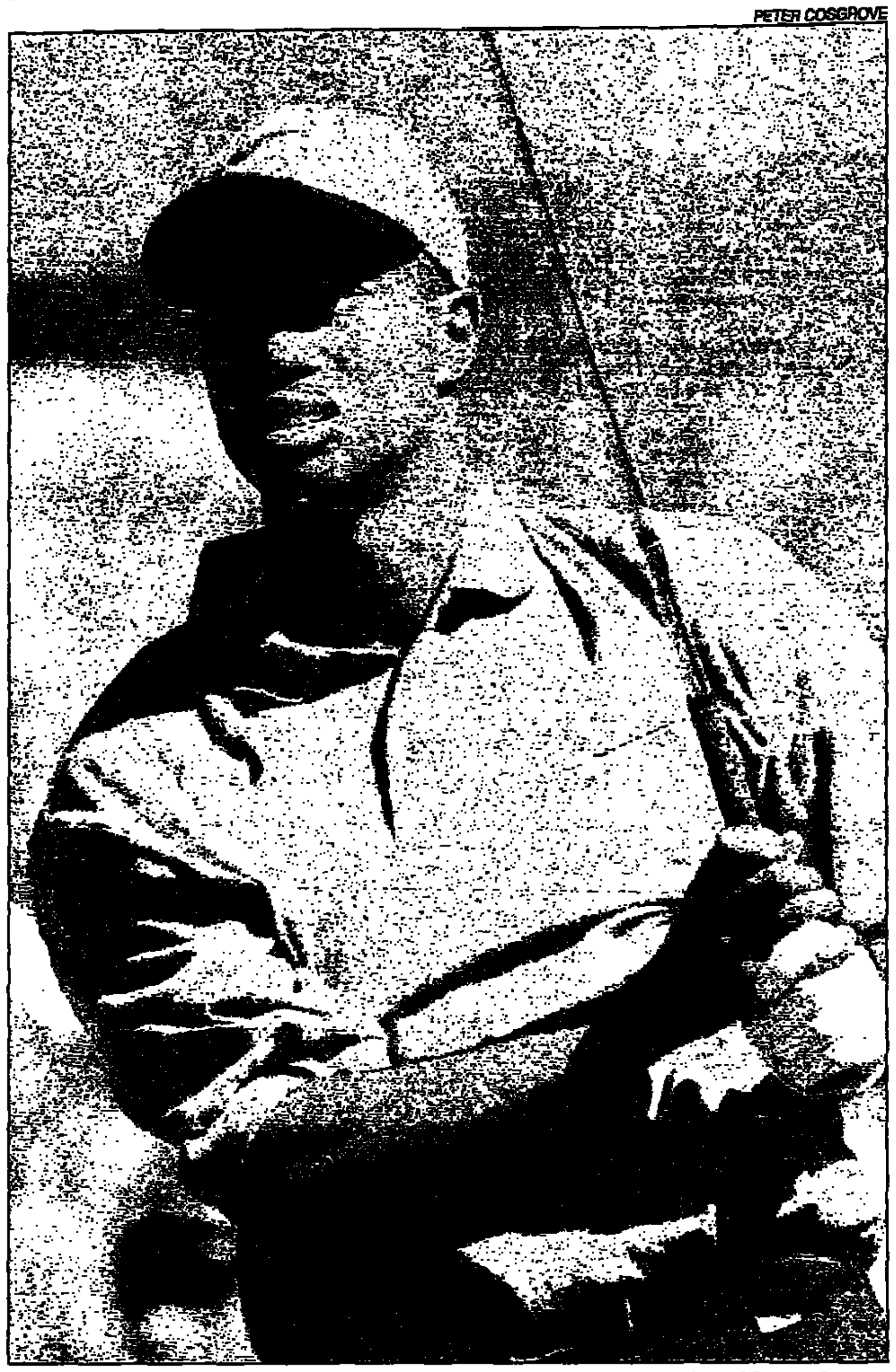
Some might be surprised by the way his play has improved in leaps and bounds, but not Woods himself: "What you don't understand [about me]," he said after his victory on Sunday, "is that when I was playing before, I was a teenager, I was in high school and I was in college. I had term papers and exams and at the same time I was trying to play in the majors, the toughest tournaments in the world. I was never able to get into a rhythm to play. I can now. Now I have a good rhythm."

But he has done more than just play golf brilliantly. In addition, he has confronted the racial issue in an unprecedentedly hard-hitting series of television advertisements that make him appealing to non-whites throughout the United States. "There are still golf courses in the US that I cannot play because of the colour of my skin," Woods said in the advertisements.

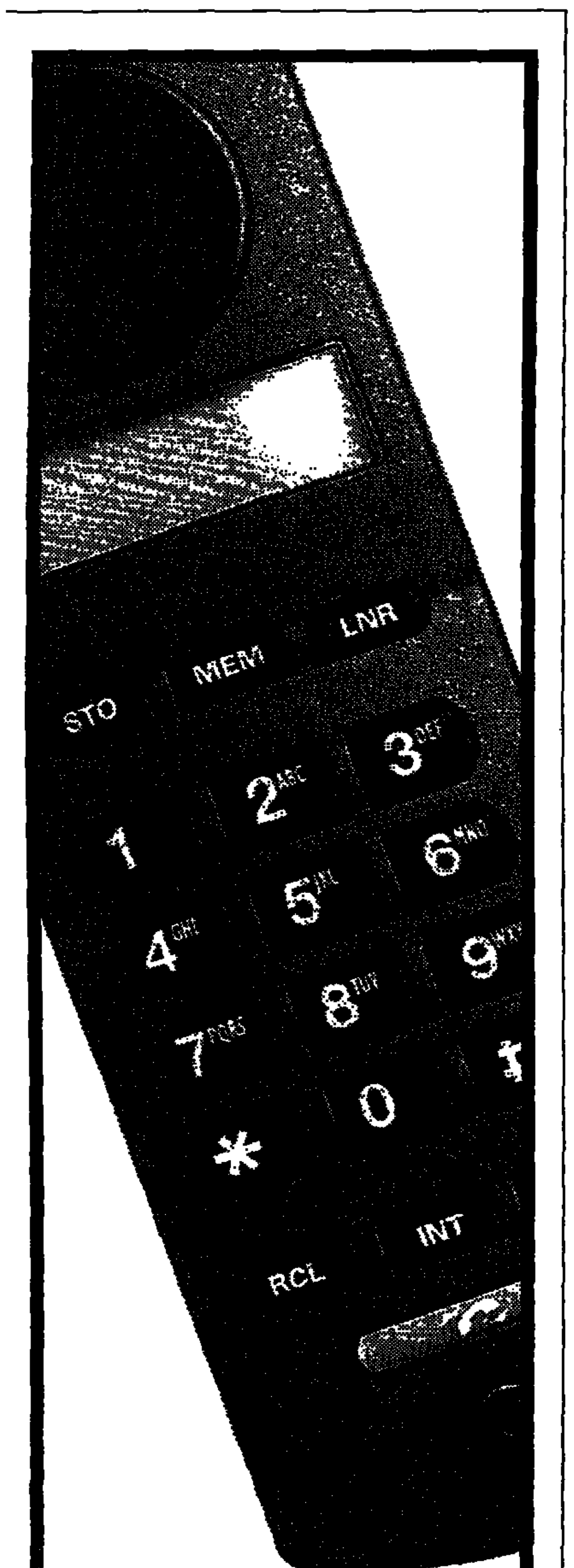
Whereas few leading golfers want to talk publicly about race in golf, Woods will not be stopped from doing so. He likes the Nike campaign "because it tells the truth. Let's not shy away from the issue any more", Woods said. "It's a fact of reality and unfortunately I've had to experience that growing up and I still do. Let's talk about it. Let's get it out in the open. Golf has been a sport where a lot of people have been denied the privilege of just playing and it's nice to be able to get that out into the open. I have been kicked off courses because of my skin colour. I've had death threats, hate mail, the usual stuff."

Woods in short, has the world of golf at his feet. Even his rivals are complimentary about him. "Tiger is the greatest thing that has happened to this Tour in a long time," Payne Stewart, who finished second to Woods on Sunday, said. "He has brought incredible attention to golf at a time of year when [American] football and the World Series always took precedence. Everything I've heard about him seems to be true."

PETER COSGROVE



Woods tracks his ball on the way to winning the Walt Disney World Classic



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Charles Russell counted in

By Mel Webb

THE TIMES MeesPierson CORPORATE GOLF CHALLENGE

THE Western Home Counties decider in The Times MeesPierson Corporate Golf Challenge produced the closest regional final finish in the history of the competition yesterday, when five teams tied for the top place at Stoke Poges. It took a countback of the last six holes to determine the winners — and even then they won by only one point.

The event was won by Charles Russell, a firm of solicitors with offices in the City, Guildford and Cheltenham, who, along with four other teams, tied on 85 Stableford points.

Three were eliminated on a countback of the back nine, which left Charles Russell and Pro-Sport International still in contention with scores of 46 points. It was only after further refinement to a countback of the last six that Charles Russell claimed the spoils of a trip to the national final in the Spanish sunshine in La Manga in November: their score of 32 points was better by only one.

Charles Russell owed their victory to a couple of brilliantly played holes on the ultimately all-important last six. They started on the 10th, and made their first incisive move on the par-five 13th, where they scored seven points.

Ray Sewell, a client of the firm, hit a good drive and then left a five-wood short and left of the green. A chip to five feet and a single putt gave him a net eagle and four points. He was followed in by Julia Henderson, also a Charles Russell client, who hit a three-wood and five-wood, missed the green with her pitch then chipped to two feet and made the putt for a net birdie and three.

That put them handsomely in credit, but their performance two holes later was even better. On the par-four 15th Roger Pierce hit a poor drive, then struck a seven-iron to four feet and holed out for three and a net birdie four points. Sewell chose a much more unconventional route — he struck a good drive, left his pitch a foot short of the green then boldly chipped in from 30ft for another net eagle and four points. Fifteen points on those two holes helped them to halfway.

They went into the competition believing that they would need 90 points to win and when they completed the front nine in only 39 thought that their chance had gone. However, the Stoke Poges course was not yielding birdied lightly, and it was with surprise that Charles Russell found themselves level with their four opponents.

SCORES: 85: Charles Russell; Pro-Sport International Ltd, The Cable Corporation; Dun & Bradstreet; Taylor Nelson AGB. 84: Unisys Ltd; Tipp-Ex Ltd. 83: BP Sunbury; Blue Circle Industries plc; McNicholas Construction; Bayer plc. 82: The Status Group plc 81: Colin Buckle & Co; Blick plc; Origin UK SAP; The London Clearing House Ltd; Dibb Lupton Alsop. 80: Nestle. 79: John Drake & Co; Data Connection Ltd; MAN Truck & Bus (UK) Ltd. 78: McGregor Boyall Associates. 77: Pilkington UK Ltd. 76: Roberts & Partners. 71: Able Instruments & Controls Ltd. 69: Marks & Spencer. 61: Ridge & Partners.

SAILING: STORMS GATHERING FOR FINAL APPROACH TO RIO

Golding closes on first-leg victory

By Edward Gorman
Sailing Correspondent

MIKE GOLDING, on Group 4, will be hoping that nothing goes wrong in the next three days as he leads the BT Global Challenge fleet down the Brazilian coast to the first stopover at Rio de Janeiro. With around 650 miles to go, but with Toshiba Wave Warrior and Concert just 32 and 50 miles respectively behind him, victory in the first leg is still not assured.

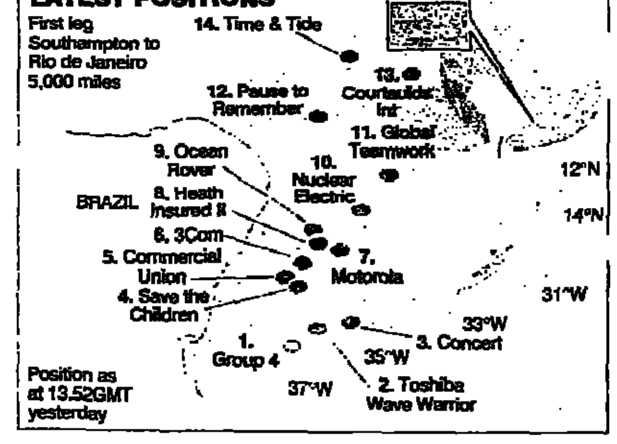
Over the weekend, Toshiba, under Simon Walker, who has opted for a more easterly course than Golding, made up ground in the breezier conditions offshore.

Yesterday, however, Golding, close reaching at 9.5 knots, was back in similar wind strength and current with a 24-hour run of 230 miles, exactly matching that of Toshiba, while Concert managed 227 miles. The trio at the front of the fleet are well ahead with a gap of 82 miles to Save The Children. She leads the main pack of Commercial Union, 3Com, and Motorola with Heath Insured II and Ocean Rover farther back just six miles apart.

Although the east to south-easterly tradewinds may well hold over the next few days, the weather is forecast to become increasingly unsettled as the yachts make their final approach to Rio with the possibility of thunder showers and squalls adding a little spice to the outcome.

On board Concert yesterday, excitement and concentration were high as the finish beckoned. "We avidly await each six-hour report," the crew reported. "Have we made any ground on Group 4 and Toshiba? Are Save The Children, Commercial Union and 3Com any closer?"

Andrew Roberts, the BT Global Challenge project director, said yesterday that 28 of the 56 spinnakers on board the 14 yachts have been damaged to some degree. Of those, eight have not been fully repaired by the crews. One or two boats are therefore likely to face a four-hour time penalty on the next leg for damaging sails.



MILES TO RIO DE JANEIRO: 1, Group 4 (696); 2, Toshiba Wave Warrior (701); 3, Concert (719); 4, Save The Children (801); 5, Commercial Union (814); 6, 3Com (837); 7, Motorola (854); 8, Heath Insured II (889); 9, Ocean Rover (894); 10, Nuclear Electric (944); 11, Global Teamwork (1 023); 12, Pause To Remember (1,172); 13, Courtaulds Int (1,253); 14, Time & Tide (1,309).

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 49

HECKLESTER

(c) A dresser of flax or hemp: originally feminine. From heckle, the instrument for combing or scutching flax. To heckle, meaning to severely catechise or cross-examine, is a metaphor from such literal hair-splitting. Caxton, *Dialogues*, 1481: "Roberte the hecklester/ Hath no more hempe,/ And hath lost her hekell."

JUISE

(a) Judgment, doom. A judicial sentence, or its execution. Penalty. An alteration from the Latin *jūdicium* judgment. Caxton, *Chronicle of England*, 1480: "Ye shall be honged, by reson, but the kyng hath foryeue you that juise."

IMPASTO

(c) The laying on of colour thickly: impasting, as a characteristic of style. From the Italian *impastare* "to empaste, to raise paste, to put into paste. Also to belaister" (Florio, 1611). "A certain redundancy, as some may account it, gives fulness, or what the painters call impasto, to his style."

HESPERORNIS

(a) The name of a genus of fossil birds of the western hemisphere. From the Greek *hésperos* of the evening, western + *órnis* a bird. "the Hesperornis, described by Marsh in 1872 as a carnivorous swimming ostrich: provided with teeth: which he considers a character inherited from some reptilian ancestor."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Nf5+! wins, e.g. 1 ... exf5 2 Bd4+ and mate follows, or 1 ... Kf6 2 Nxe4+ Bxe4 3 Qh4+ also mating.

RADIO CHOICE

On the horns of a dilemma

Gosling en España. *Radio 4 (FM). 10.00am.*

Now here's something to chew on. England has a million virtues and five defects, while Spain has five virtues and a million defects. It's not Ray Gosling who makes this *sweeping claim* in his third report on Spain 1996: he is too astute a broadcaster to do anything like that. It's Michael Robinson, former football player for Liverpool and now a sports commentator in the Iberian peninsula. He doesn't elaborate beyond saying cryptically that England's defects get up his nose, while Spain's virtues are wonderful. I suspect the one Spanish "virtue" Gosling detests is bullfighting. What authority, I wonder, does Robinson have for saying the most passionate aficionados of *la corrida* are English.

The Women in His Life. *Radio 2. 8.30pm.*

Bert Coules, adapter of Radio 4's Sherlock Holmes stories, has been entrusted with the first radio serialisation of a Barbara Taylor Bradford novel. It looks as if he has *another success* on his hands, though I have to confess that my spirits did begin to slump when part one began with a string of different people saying "I love you" and an *attempt was made to pluck* at my heart strings with the tearjerker *Beautiful Dreamer* and the opening bars of Beethoven's *Moonlight Sonata*. But the music proves to be in a good cause. It is the necessary softener for the grim realities of a Jewish family's experiences in Hitler's Germany.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

6.30am Chris Evans, includes Newsbeat **9.00** Simon Mayo, includes the Golden Hour and Confessions **12.00** Lisa I'Anson, includes at **12.30pm-12.45** Newsbeat and at **1.45** The Net **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, includes at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session, with Jo Whiley and Steve Lamacq **9.00** Cling Film with Mark Kermode and Mary Anne Hobbs **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00** Claire Sturgess **4.00am** Clive Warren, with the Early Breakfast Show

RADIO 2

6.00am Martin Kelner **7.30** Sarah Kennedy **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Kate Adie **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hayes Over Britain **8.30** The Women in His Life. See Choice (1/8) **9.00** Glad to be Grey **10.00** The Sexton's Tales. A series starring George Cole as the sexton of Highgate Cemetery (4/6) **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Adrian Finighan **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, incl at **5.45** Wake up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, incl at **6.55, 7.55** racing preview **8.35** The Magazine, with Diana Madill **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at **12.35pm** Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** Nationwide **7.00** News Extra **7.35** The Tuesday Match, with Mark Pougatch **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra **12.05am** After Hours **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

5.00am Early Breakfast **7.00** Paul Ross **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Anna Raeburn **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Drivetime, with Peter Deeley **7.00** Moz Dee's Sportszone **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST** News on the hour **5.30am** Europe Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.15** World Today **7.30** Anything Goes **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** New Ideas **8.50** Waveguide **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Thirty-Minute Drama **9.45** Good Books **10.05** Business **10.15** Brain of Britain **10.45** Sport **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **12.30pm** Meridian Feature **1.05** Business **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Counterpoint **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack **4.05** Sports Roundup **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **4.45** Animals of Power **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.05** World Today **6.15** Voicebox **6.30** News in German **6.45** Sports Roundup **7.30** Counterpoint **9.05** Outlook **9.25** Words of Faith **9.30** Megamix **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Meridian Feature **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sports Roundup **12.10am** Voicebox **12.15** Animals of Power **12.30** Megamix **1.30** Folk Routes **1.45** Britain Today **2.30** Outlook **2.55** Words of Faith **3.30** Meridian **4.15** Sports Roundup **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Mike Read **9.00** Barry Took **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto Vivaldi (Bassoon Concerto in A minor) **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Newsnight **6.30** Sonata. Mendelssohn (Cello Sonata No 1 in B flat major) **7.00** The Opera Guide **8.00** Evening Concert Liszt (Hungarian Rhapsody No 15 in A minor; Piano Concerto No 2 in A; A Faust Symphony) **10.00** Michael Mappin, incl Nocturne **1.00am** Mel Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast Experience **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00pm** Graham Dene **4.00** Nicky Horne **7.00** Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Randal Lee Rose

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Includes Rossini (Overture: Semiramide) and Gershwin (Suite: Catfish Row)

9.00 Morning Collection. Includes Vivaldi (Violin Concerto in F, Op 8 No 3, Autumn); Strauss (Horn Concerto No 2)

10.00 Musical Encounters. Includes Novak (Eternal Longing); Ravel (Trois Poèmes de Stephane Mallarmé); Martinu (Symphony No 1)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Reger

1.00pm News; The BBC Orchestras. BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, under Mawrtyn Brabbins, Claire Rutter, soprano. Wagner (Lohengrin, preludes to Acts 1 and 3); Canteloube (Chants d'Auvergne); Rachmaninov (Symphony No 3 in A minor)

2.20 Out of the Air. John Tusa remembers hearing Toscanini conduct Brahms's Fourth Symphony with the BBC Symphony Orchestra

3.10 The BBC Orchestras. BBC Symphony Orchestra, under Andrew Davis. With Artur Pizarro, piano, at the Forum, Leverkusen, Germany. Berlioz (Overture: Béatrice et Bénédict); Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 3 in D minor); Tippett (Symphony No 4)

5.00 Music Machine. Lucie Skeaping's report on early music continues with viols, rebecs, vielles and the bum fiddle

5.15 In Tune. With Mairi Nicolson, including Django Reinhardt (After You've Gone); Bach (Prelude and Fugue in B flat, Bk 1); Berlioz (Les Nuits d'Eté)

7.30 Pebble Mill. Live from Birmingham. Ian Bostridge, tenor, Stephen Bell, horn, Britten Sinfonia, Roger Vignoles, piano. Purcell (Chacony in G minor, Z730); Britten (Canticle III: Still falls the rain); Elgar (Serenade in E minor) **8.10** Readings from the Archives: The Fly in the Ointment. In 1948 V.S. Pritchett narrated one of his best-known stories, a strange account of closure and family feuding at a small factory **8.30** Concert part 2. Richard Rodney Bennett (Reflections on a Theme of William Walton); Britten (Serenade for tenor, horn and strings)

9.25 Hearts and Minds. Michael Rosen examines attempts to mould the minds of the young. In the first years of the Russian Revolution, the folk tale was elevated to a new status, the fairy tale attacked for its lack of reality and the classics newly revered

9.50 Margaret Fingerhut. Schumann (Fantasy in C, Op 17). Chopin (Mazurkas in F sharp minor, Op 6 No 1; in C sharp minor, Op 6 No 2); Debussy (Suite: Pour le piano)

10.45 Night Waves. As post-Communist musicians and composers rediscover Shostakovich, Tom Whitehouse reports from Moscow on the reshaping of musical history

11.30 Composer of the Week: Franck

12.30am Jazz Notes

1.00am ***Through the Night***

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping (LW) 6.00 News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Better Left Unsaid? (r) **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross 0171-580 4444

10.00 News; Gosling en España (FM). See Choice

10.00 Daily Service (LW)

10.15 On This Day (LW)

10.30 ***Woman's Hour***

11.30 All in the Mind

12.00 News; You and Yours, with Lesley Riddoch

12.25pm Hoax! Tim Brooke-Taylor chairs the storytelling game With Michael Barratt, Bernard Cribbins and Rick Wakeman **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Books and Company. The last of the series with John Walsh (r)

2.30 Comparing Notes with Brian Kay. Former Prime Minister Sir Edward Heath, who celebrated his 80th birthday earlier this year, reminisces with Brian Kay about his career as a conductor

3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Vaughan reads a biography of Lawrence Durrell and investigates the lives of two fictional characters

4.45 Short Story: The Present, by Pippa Gladhill. The day Tilly gave Anna a real star for her birthday was the day that things went wrong. Read by Harriet Walter

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 Chambers. A sit-com about the questionable practices of a group of barristers. Written by Clive Coleman. With John Bird, James Fleet and Lesley Sharp (1/5) (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 File on 4, with Mark Whittaker

8.00 Science Now, with Peter Evans (r)

8.30 The Network. Good health care requires good information. An up-to-date doctor treating a well informed patient is ideal. So how can the information revolution improve the practice of medicine? Alun Lewis investigates in the last of the series

9.00 In Touch. Jane Copsey with news, views and information for visually impaired people

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 ***The World Tonight***

10.45 Booker at Bedtime. An extract from Every Man for Himself by Beryl Bainbridge

11.00 Mediumwave (r)

11.30 My Father Said To Me. Edward Blishen and others of his generation recall the parental advice they were given more than half a century ago — phrases, homilies and admonitions which have haunted them throughout their adult lives (r)

12.00 News incl **12.27am** Weather

12.30 The Late Book: Primary Colors. The anonymously authored bestseller, read by Clarke Peters (7/10)

12.48 Shipping Forecast

1.00 ***As World Service***

FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. **RADIO 2.** FM 88.0-90.2. **RADIO 3.** FM 90.2-92.4. **RADIO 4.** FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720. **RADIO 5 LIVE.** MW 693, 909. **WORLD SERVICE.** MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). **CLASSIC FM.** FM 100-102. **VIRGIN RADIO.** FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. **TALK RADIO.** MW 1053, 1089. Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Ian Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Susan Thomson, Jane Gregory and John McNamara.

Jane's guide to making errors of judgment

REVIEW

Lynne Truss

Perhaps the cleverest thing about **Prime Suspect 5** (which concluded last night on ITV) was its subtitle. *Errors of Judgement*, it was called — in direct reference to Helen Mirren's shortsighted decisions. Should she release young Campbell Lafferty from custody? No, she shouldn't. Should she sleep with her new boss? A big no. Should she wear beige on *Crimenight*? The consensus was again in the negative.

But as the four hours of gripping telly came to a close last night. I began to wonder whether "errors of judgment" didn't conveniently cover too many aspects of this story. Every time someone behaved absurdly or illogically — such as when a second-division psycho threatened to murder Helen Mirren amid the litter of a deserted railway station ("Let's waste the bitch!") — the alarm bells were too easily silenced. Wasting Jane Tennison would be just stupid, you see. But instead of saying "That's just stupid!" you had to purse your lips. "Ooh, bad error of judgment, son! Very bad error of judgment there!"

It wasn't a bad story. Jane's need to identify the mole in her department became increasingly important, and Guy Andrews's script judged the revelation carefully — courteously allowing the audience to point the finger first (but only just). On the minus side, Jane's almost total obtuseness got boring. "He's behind yer!" said her assailant in the final scene — and the only surprising thing was that she didn't reply "Oh no he isn't". Searching for her mole, she lit on the ambitious but innocent Claire Devanney (Julia Lane, a Helen Baxendale lookalike) and looked no further. Interviewing suspects, she did it badly and endangered their lives. She boiled eggs and dropped them on the floor. One began to wonder whether she had indeed slept her way to the top, because as a police detective (and egg-boiler) she was rubbish.

Significantly, she was known throughout this last *Prime Suspect* as "Jane" rather than "Tennison". A bad sign that she was losing her grip. Meanwhile Steven MacKintosh as "The Street" was rather good, though it took me four long hours to remember where ("Where?") I'd seen him before. It was *The Muppet Christmas Carol*. You can see why he was difficult to place, then: as Scrooge's cheery nephew Fred, he neglected to "waste" Tiny Tim in a derelict swimming pool, thank goodness.

To be scheduled against *Prime Suspect* was a rotten fate thoroughly undeserved by last night's **Cutting Edge** on Channel 4. *Birth of a Salesman* was a clever and humorous film on an unpromising subject: the evangelical indoctrination of a door-to-door sales team. "Listen to the customer; people love to talk about themselves," said the team-leader, light shining in his eyes. "When people warn you, 'But I won't buy anything!' they are really saying 'I am easy to sell to'." "People are tense when they say no. When they say yes, they relax!"

What were they selling, these new recruits? We learnt all about the superlative patter first: the brainwashing, and the big-buck motivation. If they were top salesmen, these chaps, they would one day date "Claudia Shelfer" (presumably like Claudia Schiffer only working at night in a supermarket). Cleverly, director Claudia Nye built up the viewer's interest in the product, just as these over-motivated saps were supposed to do. And after 20 minutes of slavering in anticipation ("Tell me what it is! I'll buy one!") we were finally put out of our misery. The product was revealed as a fancy vacuum-cleaner retailing at eight hundred quid.

As each salesman stumbled and fell, Nye gave us a jaunty picture of green bottles falling off conveyor belts and smashing. Ten green bottles, you see? Nye's purpose was clearly not to weep for her featured wannabes. Instead, she was forgiveably transfixed by the quasi-religious motivational lectures, especially the injunction "Ditch the bitch", delivered by an alarming man who looked like a former astronaut. "Be ruthless with your environment," he told his patsies. "Don't surround yourself with negativity. If your partner is negative, ditch the bitch."

Waste the bitch; ditch the bitch. What a night for doing uncalled-for things to bitches. I turned with some hope to **Vets' School** (BBC1) where a golden retriever called Heidi was being treated for liver cancer. We had first met Heidi last week, and had heard the ominous "Plung, pling, plong" music which betokens sombre news. Sure enough, the bitch didn't make it, and I cried like a fool, as I always do. Meanwhile a horse called Jasper Carrott had a successful operation to remove a "lypoma" (don't ask); and we met a student vet called Steve who advanced (then retracted) some quaint theories about equal opportunities. "Don't hire the bitch" was, alas, the main thrust.

The Paul Merton Show (BBC2) was largely unfunny, which was a shame, and added to an already existing worry. People are nowadays phoning helplines at night: "It's about Paul Merton, *if only he would choose the right material!*" Anyway, it was highly noticeable that the only laugh-out-loud piece in last night's "special" was the sketch in which Merton couldn't himself appear — viz, *Casablanca* as played by white bunny glove-puppets.

"Play it, Sam," said a blank-faced white bunny glove-puppet. At which, another white bunny glove-puppet (in a top hat) began to play a toy piano with gusto in a hilarious stiff-armed fashion. But it only served to rub things in. Why the blank-faced, stiff-armed stuff isn't equally funny in a human being is Paul Merton's problem in a nutshell.

BBC1

6.00am **BUSINESS BREAKFAST** (29700)
7.00 **BREAKFAST NEWS** (Ceefax) (10261)
9.00 **BREAKFAST NEWS EXTRA** (Ceefax) (5280648)
9.20 **STYLE CHALLENGE** (2175483)
9.45 **KILROY** (2905464)
10.30 **CAN'T COOK, WON'T COOK** (16006)
11.00 **NEWS** and weather (6589483)
11.05 **THE REALLY USEFUL SHOW** (7752261)
11.45 **SMILLIE'S PEOPLE** (1495071)
12.00 **NEWS** and weather (7128174)
12.05pm **THE FLYING DOCTORS** Medical adventures (8505174)
12.50 **FANCY THAT!** (65680803)
1.00 **NEWS** and weather (Ceefax) (20648)
1.30 **REGIONAL NEWS** (57031087)
1.40 **NEIGHBOURS** (44098209)
2.00 **CALL MY BLUFF** (4551) **2.30 THE TERRACE** (396) **3.00 INCOGNITO** (8218)
3.30 **BRUM** (9335938) **3.40 ROMUALD THE REINDEER** (s) (6755667) **3.50 POPEYE** (r) (4806759) **4.10 OSCAR'S ORCHESTRA** (Ceefax) (s) (6702087) **4.35 THE QUEEN'S NOSE** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (3787880) **5.00 NEWSROUND** (2075483) **5.10 BYKER GROVE** (6171087)
5.35 **NEIGHBOURS** (r) (Ceefax) (716754)
6.00 **NEWS** and weather (975)
6.30 **REGIONAL NEWS** (377)
7.00 **HOLIDAY** Olivia Newton-John and her daughter take a riding holiday in Donegal, Toyah Willcox flies to Bermuda for a weekend break; Sankha Guha tries a late-availability holiday in Benidorm and Jill Dando goes to Montreux on the shores of Lake Geneva (Ceefax) (s) (5667)
7.30 **EASTENDERS** Lorraine has to ask Grant a difficult question and Tiffany faces up to her past (Ceefax) (s) (261)
8.00 **999 LIFESAVERS** True stories reconstructed with the rescuers involved (1087)
8.30 **A QUESTION OF SPORT** Ally McCoist, Steve Redgrave and Va'aiga Tuigamala versus John Parrott, Tessa Sanderson and Gary McAllister (3822)
9.00 **NEWS, REGIONAL NEWS** and weather (Ceefax) (4532)
9.30 **AFTER THE BREAK** Patrick Kielty presents adverts that use sex to sell (Ceefax) (s) (48193)
10.00 CHOICE **THE SUEZ CRISIS** Fortieth anniversary examination of Britain's role (Ceefax) (3932822)
11.15 **FILM: Eddie and the Cruisers** (1983) A television reporter re-examines the disappearance of the leader of a successful 1960s rock band. Starring Tom Berenger and Michael Pare. Directed by Martin Davidson (Ceefax) (304377)
12.45am **FILM: Sins of the Mother** (1991) An outwardly normal and successful man has a hidden urge to commit rape, in reaction to his domineering mother. Starring Elizabeth Montgomery and Dale Midkiff. Directed by John Patterson (229946)
2.15-2.20 **WEATHER** (8893304)

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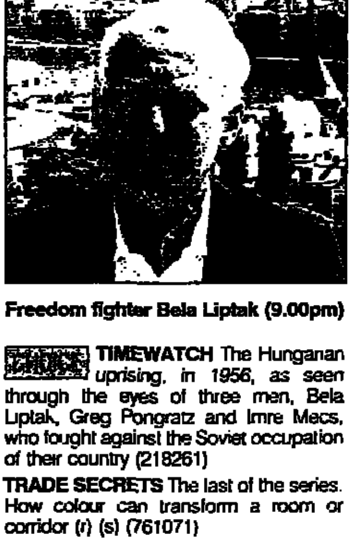
BBC2

6.00am **OPEN UNIVERSITY: PLAY AND THE SOCIAL WORLD** (7109532) **6.25 FIRST STEPS TO AUTONOMY** (7128667) **6.50 LEARNING FOR ALL: CHILDREN FIRST** (9786464)
7.15 **BREAKFAST NEWS** (6946532)
7.30 **ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS** (4240613) **7.55 BLUE PETER** (8472990) **8.20 FIREMAN SAM** (1114396) **8.35 THE RECORD** (8839464) **9.00 STANDARD GRADE DESIGN** (5271990) **9.20 THE RE COLLECTION** (2173025) **9.45 WATCH** (1524377) **10.00 PLAYDAYS** (18533) **10.30 COME OUTSIDE** (1662648) **10.45 TEACHING TODAY** (870280) **11.15 CLEMENTINE** (9108613) **11.30 GNVQ TV** (3667) **12.00 SEE HEAR!** (25700) **12.30pm WORKING LUNCH** (53071) **1.00 TEACHING TODAY** (11990) **1.30 SHOWCASE** (57039629) **1.40 HOTCH POTCH HOUSE** (44089551) **2.00 FIREMAN SAM** (18259445)
2.10 **SNOOKER: GRAND PRIX** (61674716)
6.00 **FRESH PRINCE OF BEL AIR** (r) (s) (785445)
6.25 **HEARTBREAK HIGH** (Ceefax) (s) (683464)
7.10 **THE O ZONE** (s) (265071)
7.30 **WE ARE (NOT) AMUSED** The second of two programmes on royal satire (r) (Ceefax) (s) (803)
8.00 **POUND FOR POUND** Tonight's programme encourages us to search for savings certificates, stocks and bonds and unclaimed premium bond prizes. Plus an examination of pet insurance and shareholders' perks (s) (9629)
8.30 **ANTONIO CARLUCCIO'S ITALIAN FEAST** Milan and Lombardy. Last in series (1464)



Freedom fighter Bela Liptak (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **TIMEWATCH** The Hungarian uprising, in 1956, as seen through the eyes of three men, Bela Liptak, Greg Pongratz and Imre Mecs, who fought against the Soviet occupation of their country (218261)
9.50 **TRADE SECRETS** The last of the series. How colour can transform a room or corridor (r) (s) (761071)
10.00 **HANCOCK The Cold** (b/w) (r) (85759)
10.30 **NEWSNIGHT** (Ceefax) (880483)
11.15 **SNOOKER: GRAND PRIX** Highlights from Bournemouth (s) (754754)
11.55 **WEATHER** (804006)
12.00 **THE MIDNIGHT HOUR** (94120)
12.30am **LEARNING ZONE: O U: English Only In America?** (64491) **1.00 The Golden Thread** (61236) **1.30 An English Education** (78014) **2.00 Nightschool TV: Access To Learning** (95965) **4.00 BBC Focus: Teaching and Learning with IT** (96507) **4.30 Film Education** (42101) **5.00 Inside Europe** (27304) **5.30-6.00 Film Education** (32679)

CHOICE

Timewatch: Cry Hungary
BBC2, 9.00pm

The first of two 40th anniversary films (the other is *The Suez Crisis*, see below) looks back on the Hungarian people's uprising against their Soviet masters and the savage repression which followed. At the heart of the programme is a film made by the BBC ten years ago and drawing much of its impact from first-hand accounts. Jeremy Bennett, who also made tonight's Suez documentary, skilfully mixes this oral testimony with news footage to convey how hopes of freedom were briefly raised and brutally crushed. Three revolutionaries of 1956 who took part in the film gather to watch it and discuss whether, after the collapse of the Soviet Union, the aspirations of 40 years ago have finally been realised. Although the Russians have left and democracy has arrived, they give the new Hungary only a qualified welcome.

Witness: Living With the Enemy
Channel 4, 9.00pm

The German occupation of the Channel Islands raised dilemmas of loyalty that those on the British mainland never had to face. More than 50 years afterwards, the subject is still sensitive. In this film people of Guernsey who lived through the war reflect on the realities of living with the German invader. Behaviour among the islanders ran the gamut from resistance to collaboration, with every shade in between. The film is mainly concerned with the shades, the fraternisation which stopped far short of treachery. Evocatively directed by Michael Grigsby, *Living With the Enemy* seeks to explain rather than to condemn. At its heart is the testimony of Dolly, who fell in love with a German soldier and had a child by him. That her story has been told before on television does not lessen its impact.

The Suez Crisis
BBC1, 10.00pm

Jeremy Bennett's film about the Anglo-French invasion of Egypt and its humiliating aftermath is a fair and careful account which traces a lucid path through a complex sequence of events. As well as giving the political and diplomatic story it includes first-hand accounts of the fighting from British, French and Egyptian soldiers. This is not a work of revisionism. Sir Anthony Eden's determination to smash the upstart Nasser without the approval or knowledge of the United States appears as misconceived as ever. As for collusion between Britain, France and Israel, which Eden publicly denied, this is spelt out by the programme's scoop, the text of a secret protocol signed by the three powers and discovered in an Israeli archive. Otherwise the most telling image is of President Eisenhower, seething with anger at being left in the dark.

Network First: Cut Price Package
ITV, 10.40pm

Nine British women travel to Poland where bigger breasts, tighter stomachs and other body enhancements are available five times cheaper than at home. There is the chance that it could all go wrong but with facelifts costing only £800, and liposuction a snip at £400, it is too good a bargain to miss. The packages are arranged by Alina Deeble, Polish-born but living near Chester, and include the surgery, flight, accommodation and food. An enjoyable, mildly voyeuristic glimpse at the women from last-minute packing to arrival in Wroclaw and the surgery which they hope will transform their lives. But the trip gets off to a tense start. The surgeon becomes tired through overwork, tempers flare and Alina has to be treated for high blood pressure. Lesley Joseph, of *Birds of a Feather*, narrates.

Peter Waymark

6.00am **GMTV** (7289209)
9.25 **SUPERMARKET SWEEP** (2150174)
9.55 **HTV NEWS** (6947358)
10.00 **THE TIME ... THE PLACE** (52957)
10.30 **THIS MORNING** (27257822)
12.20pm **REGIONAL NEWS** (7124358)
12.30 **NEWS** (Teletext) (3786700)
12.54 **HTV CRIMESTOPPERS** (93440377) **12.55 SHORTLAND STREET** (s) (3874919) **1.25 HIGH ROAD** (Teletext) (6819396) **2.00 HOME AND AWAY** (r) (Teletext) (s) (27475377) **2.25 CROSSWITS** (Teletext) (27381984) **2.50 VANESSA** (Teletext) (9570648)
3.20 **NEWS** (Teletext) (5179648)
3.25 **REGIONAL NEWS** (5178919)
3.30 **POTAMUS PARK** (9320006) **3.40 WIZADORA** (6740735) **3.50 HOT ROD DOGS** (9324822) **4.05 GARFIELD AND FRIENDS** (4212984) **4.15 HEY ARNOLD!** (6729754) **4.40 THE WARD** (8871342)
5.10 **WHAT'S MY LINE?** (8975464)
5.40 **NEWS AND WEATHER** (Teletext) (232377)
6.00 **HOME AND AWAY** (r) (Teletext) (s) (609071)
6.25 **HTV NEWS** (Teletext) (867984)
7.00 **EMMERDALE** (Teletext) (s) (3385)
7.30 **THE WOODWARD FILE** Edward Woodward joins a party of Americans at a shoot on Exmoor and goes in search of salmon in the company of game fisherman Roddy Rae (629)
8.00 **THE BILL** When two incompetent crooks are arrested claiming they've been tricked, Greig tries to track down the third member of the gang of fools (9483)
8.30 **THE COOK REPORT** Roger Cook returns to expose more shady characters and companies (Teletext) (s) (8990)
9.00 **SOLDIER, SOLDIER** A longed-for letter spells trouble for Farrell (Teletext) (4071)
10.00 **NEWS** (Teletext) and weather (26483)
10.30 **REGIONAL NEWS** (414087)

Debbie Torrens (10.40pm)

10.40 CHOICE **NETWORK FIRST** Lesley Joseph narrates a film about nine women, including Debbie Torrens who went to Poland for cut-price cosmetic surgery (Teletext) (382416)
11.40 **CANVAS** Arts discussion (835716)
12.10am **ALFRED HITCHCOCK PRESENTS** (7308743)
12.40 **FOOTBALL EXTRA** (1772014)
1.25 **FILM: GIRLS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN** (1985) with Sarah Jessica Parker, Lee Montgomery and Morgan Woodward. Comedy about three girls taking part in a dance competition. Directed by Alan Metter (543030)
3.05 **LATE AND LOUD** (s) (2714491)
4.05 **THE CHART SHOW** (r) (s) (4243472)
5.00 **ON THE EDGE** (r) (s) (14830)
5.30 **NEWS** (99675)

As HTV WEST except:
5.10pm-5.40 **BAGDAD CAFE** (8975464)
7.30-8.00 **INQUISITION** (629)
11.40 **ALICE** (835716)
12.10am **SPECIAL REPORT** (7308743)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
12.55pm **EMMERDALE** (3874919)
1.25-1.55 **CROSSWITS** (75937349)
1.55 **HOME AND AWAY** (14344071)
2.25 **VANESSA** (27478464)
2.55 **A COUNTRY PRACTICE** (2265802)
5.10-5.40 **HOME AND AWAY** (8975464)
6.00-7.00 **WESTCOUNTRY LIVE** (38716)
7.30-8.00 **GREAT LITTLE TRAINS** (629)
11.40 **PRISONER: CELL BLOCK H** (830648)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
12.55 **HOME AND AWAY** (3874919)
1.25 **CROSSWITS** (75937349)
1.55 **A COUNTRY PRACTICE** (44999984)
2.20 **VANESSA** (27479193)
2.50 **FROM THE GROUND UP** (9570648)
5.10-5.40 **SHORTLAND STREET** (8975464)
7.30-8.00 **RELATIVE VALUES** (629)
11.40 **HIGHLANDER** (830648)
12.40am **FILM: FALSE WITNESS** (817859)
2.30 **LATE AND LOUD** (6010149)
3.25 **RECOLLECTIONS** (16595149)
4.35 **CENTRAL JOBFINDER '96** (7805566)
5.20 **ASIAN EYE** (5021946)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:
12.55pm **CROSSWITS** (3874919)
1.25 **HOME AND AWAY** (75937349)
1.55 **SHORTLAND STREET** (44999984)
2.20 **VANESSA** (27479193)
2.50-3.20 **HOPE AND GLORIA** (9570648)
5.10-5.40 **HOME AND AWAY** (8975464)
6.00 **MERIDIAN TONIGHT** (193)
6.30-7.00 **WHAT'S MY LINE?** (445)
7.30-8.00 **SERVE YOU RIGHT LIVE** (629)
11.40 **PRISONER: CELL BLOCK H** (830648)
5.00am **FREESCREEN** (14830)

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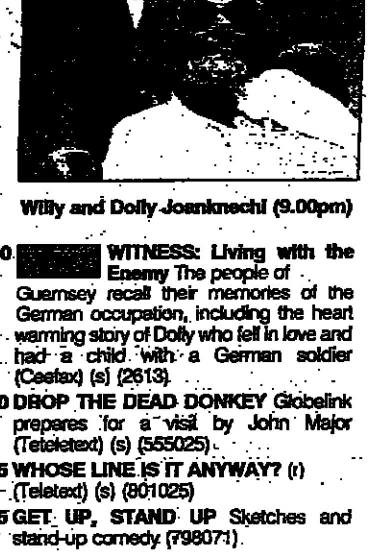
Starts: **6.35 ADVENTURES IN ODYSSEY** (9790667) **7.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST** (30071) **9.00 HERE'S ONE I MADE EARLIER** (35272) **9.30 HANGIN' WITH MR COOPER** (4181667) **9.55 BACK TO THE FUTURE** (5797629) **10.20 THE PINK PANTHER** (4334071) **10.40 THE LEGEND OF WHITE FANG** (8722716) **11.10 DOG CITY** (9230700) **11.35 ROCKO'S MODERN LIFE** (3526919) **12.00pm TRAVELOG TREKS** (23396) **12.30 BACKDATE** (51667) **1.00 SLOT MEITHRIN** (13358) **1.30 FILM: THE SIEGE OF THE SAXONS** (88342174) **3.05 FRESH POP** (1345483) **3.15 RICKI LAKE** (9415735) **4.00 FIFTEEN-TO-ONE** (358) **4.30 DESIRE** (342) **5.00 5 PUMP** (5613) **5.30 COUNTDOWN** (822) **6.00 NEWYDDION 6** (671803) **6.05 HENO** (790377) **6.35 JACPOT** (949716) **7.00 POBOL Y CWM** (155939) **7.25 TRIO'R TEULU** (241822) **8.00 STORI FAWR** (7025) **8.30 NEWYDDION** (6532) **9.00 CODI CLAWR HANES** (4342) **9.30 CITIZEN'S ARREST** (31803) **10.00 BROOKSIDE** (555025) **10.35 DROP THE DEAD DONKEY** (801025) **11.05 ELLEN** (798071) **11.35 NORTHERN EXPOSURE** (261764) **12.30am CANTERBURY TALES** (2838033)

CHANNEL 4

6.35am **ADVENTURES IN ODYSSEY** (r) (9790667)
7.00 **THE BIG BREAKFAST** (30071)
9.00 **HERE'S ONE I MADE EARLIER** (35272)
9.30 **HANGIN' WITH MR COOPER** (r) (4181667)
9.55 **BACK TO THE FUTURE** (r) (5797629)
10.20 **PINK PANTHER** (r) (4334071)
10.40 **THE LEGEND OF WHITE FANG** (r) (8722716)
11.10 **DOG CITY** (r) (9230700)
11.35 **ROCKO'S MODERN LIFE** (r) (3526919)
12.00 **THE LIVING SEA** (23396)
12.30pm **BACKDATE** (51667) **1.00 SESAME STREET** (49822) **2.00 HOLD PLEASE** (74792822)
2.20 **FILM: Way of a Gaucho** (1952) starring Rory Calhoun and Gene Tierney. A fugitive cowboy in Argentina leads a band of outlaws in an attempt to hinder the building of a railroad. Directed by Jacques Tourneur (Teletext) (263551)
4.00 **FIFTEEN TO ONE** (Teletext) (s) (358) **4.30 COUNTDOWN** (Teletext) (s) (342) ***5.00 RICKI LAKE*** (Teletext) (s) (2477667) **5.45 MACANUDO** (506464)
6.00 **THE AVENGERS** (r) (Teletext) (36358)
7.00 **CHANNEL 4 NEWS** (Teletext) (171957)
7.55 **THE SLOT** (308990)
8.00 **CITIZEN'S ARREST** How a local authority's bureaucracy led to a ten-year-old boy missing out on a vital part of his education (Teletext) (s) (7025)
8.30 **BROOKSIDE** Jackie and Ron's troubles bring them closer together (Teletext) (s) (6532)



Willy and Dolly Joanknecht (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **WITNESS: Living with the Enemy** The people of Guernsey recall their memories of the German occupation, including the heart warming story of Dolly who fell in love and had a child with a German soldier (Ceefax) (s) (2613)
10.00 **DROP THE DEAD DONKEY** Globelink prepares for a visit by John Major (Teletext) (s) (555025)
10.35 **WHOSE LINE IS IT ANYWAY?** (r) (Teletext) (s) (801025)
11.05 **GET UP, STAND UP** Sketches and stand-up comedy (798071)
11.35 **NORTHERN EXPOSURE** Maurice stages a wheelchair challenge (839919)
12.35am **THE SHOOTING GALLERY:** Short films exploring the weird and wonderful world of the artist **Cecilia's Day Off** (9914156) **12.50 To Whom It May Concern** (6116507) **1.20 The Beat Manifesto** (1157168) **1.40 L'Enfant de la Clot** (2701743) **2.00 Whispers** (1383656) **2.25 Fairest of Them All** (8800694) **2.30 Boom Boom** (3167526) **2.40 The Kings of Siam** (3147762) **2.55 Wanting and Getting** (4485168) Ends at 3.20

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY 1

7.00am Love Connection (6479713) **7.20** Press Your Luck (2079957) **7.40** Jeopardy! (2430880) **8.10** Hotel (9556358) **9.00** Another World (1771006) **9.45** The Oprah Winfrey Show (3248025) **10.40** Real TV (2166006) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (5253879) **12.00** Geraldo (83280) **1.00pm** One to Three (40938) **3.00** Jenny Jones (49957) **4.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (85174) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (3464) **6.00** The New Adventures of Superman (89464) **7.00** LAPD (4193) **7.30** MASH (3551) **8.00** Springhill (7613) **8.30** Murder Unsolved (9648) **9.00** Law and Order (26919) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (29006) **11.00** The New Adventures of Superman (72071) **12.00** Midnight Caller (58830) **1.00am** LAPD (31120) **1.30** Real TV (88526) **2.00** Hit Mix Long Play (10101)

SKY 2

7.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (4953667) **8.00** Sliders (4938087) **9.00** Renegade (4941551) **10.00** New York Undercover (4951938) **11.00** Late Show with David Letterman (1061716) **12.00 FILM: Inserts, 18** (2608830) **2.00am** Hit Mix Long Play (3922946)

SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week

SKY MOVIES

6.10am Top Hat (1935) (11375667) **8.00 The Gay Divorcee (1934)** (44754) **10.00 Pumping Iron II: The Women (1985)** (75261) **12.00 Storybook (1994)** (34377) **2.00pm Mystery Mansion (1983)** (10359) **4.00 Airborne (1993)** (50112183) **5.45 Live and Let Die (1973)** (57603700) **8.00 Sleep, Baby, Sleep (1995)** (25667) **10.00 No Contest (1994)** (980629) **11.40 Miss Tannenbaum (1993)** (44854919) **1.50am Cabin Boy (1994)** (5574588) **3.10 Goodbye Pork Pie (1981)** (48124323)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Rin Tin Tin: Hero of the West (1959) (41913) **7.30 Oliver Twist (1986)** (51342) **9.00 Robin Hood Junior (1975)** (87280) **10.00 Bigfoot: The Unforgettable Encounter (1994)** (73803) **12.00 Hart to Hart: Secrets of the Hart (1995)** (32919) **2.00pm Prince of Foxes (1949)** (38700) **4.00 Oliver Twist (1987)** (6938) **6.00 Seduced by Evil (1994)** (79261) **7.30 Special Feature: Dragonheart** (6261) **8.00 Without Warning (1994)** (33209) **10.00 The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert (1994)** (354629) ***11.45 Judgment Night (1993)*** (132754) **1.35am Confessions of a Pop Performer (1975)** (259120) **3.10 Rosie Dixon Night Nurse (1978)** (5691965) **4.40 Robin Hood Junior (1975)** (67872052)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm No Sex Please, We're British! (1973) (7450551) **6.00 The Bravados (1958)** (1437087) **8.00 The Party (1968)** (1432532) **10.00 10, Rillington Place (1971)** (9948358) **11.55 Lenny Live and Unleashed (1989)** (4169984) **1.35am Red River (1948)** (99010385) **3.50-5.25 Experiment Perilous (1944)** (6749033)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over at 10pm. **6.00am** Lamb Chop's Play Along! (5358731) **6.25** Under the Umbrella Tree (2308416) **6.50** Baby's Nursery Rhymes (5191938) **7.15** Mouse Tracks (6629808) ***7.40** Darkwing Duck (4991377)* **8.05** Aladdin (6096822) **8.30** Bonkers (50377) **9.00** Goof Troop (41629) **9.30** Timon and Pumbaa (87919) **10.00** Darkwing Duck (78006) **10.30** Enchanted Tales: Tom Thumb (90822) **11.30** Quack Attack (79551) **12.00** Aladdin (54133) **12.30pm** Bonkers (81735) **1.00** Timon and Pumbaa (12984) **1.30 FILM: The Barefoot Executive** (2890735) **2.50** Mouse Tracks (8578025) **3.15** Goof Troop (6412700) **3.40** Darkwing Duck (6537551) **4.05** Bonkers (6346006) **4.30** Flash Forward (3930) **5.00** Aladdin (5629) **5.30** Okavango (1342) **6.00** Crossbow (4483) **6.30** Blossom (5735) **7.00** Home Improvement (8135) **7.30 FILM: The Barefoot Executive** (70396) **9.00** Eyewitness (65358) **9.30-10.00** Home Improvement (98071)

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (14025) **7.30** Finon Line (90532) **8.00** Motor Sport (48236) **8.30** Horse Racing (98777) **9.00** Sports Centre (25667) **9.30** Aerobics (38629) **10.00** Soccer (41193) **12.00** Aerobics (98713) **12.30pm** Soccer Tartan Extra (63754) **1.30** Basketball (713209) **4.00** Motor Sport (21990) **4.59** Sports Centre (8131342) **5.00** Wrestling Mania (9280) **6.00** Sports Centre (5311) **6.30** Motor Sport (7551) **7.00** Live Soccer (309700) **10.00** Sports Centre (48273) **10.30** The Footballers' Football Show (90551) **11.30** Soccer Asia Report (35025) **12.30am** Sports Centre (66257) **1.00-4.30** Live Baseball (2235168)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Mountain Bikes: The Dual Descender Events (7291209) **12.30pm** Ice Hockey: NHL (5230990) **2.00** American Football: NFL (3936174) **3.00** Major League Baseball: World Series (7455735) **6.00** Sports Unlimited (3489193) **7.00** Sky Sports Centre (653577) **7.30** American Football: NFL (4835551) **8.30** Major League Baseball — World Series (7107822) **11.30** Sky Sports Centre (3931629)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Cycling (79716) **9.00** Motorcycling (32754) **10.00** Speedworld (11984) **11.00** Soccer (20808) **12.00** Motorcycling (46648) **1.00pm** Offroad (55396) **2.00** Cycling (26377) **3.30** All Sports (2483) **4.00** Live Tennis (618700) **6.30** Offroad (55464) **7.30** Live Tennis (448485) **10.00** Boxing (70700) **11.00-12.30** Snooker (30782)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am Runway (4380006) **6.30** Sounds Like a Story (16277445) **6.45** Time for a Story (8001616) **7.00** Alphabet Zoo (2359087) **7.15** Sounds Like a Story (6513396) **7.30** The Ghosts of Motley Hall (2064990) **8.00** Classic Coronation Street (9847464) **8.30** Runway (9846735) **9.00** Families (9837087) **9.30** Crown Court (1040484) **10.00** World in Action (2573358) **10.30** Poor Little Rich Girls (9753071) **11.00** Medics (2030333) **12.00** A Fine Romance (9840551) **12.30pm** Classic Coronation Street (1044285) **1.00** Crown Court (2084754) **1.30** Families (1043551) **2.00** A Piece of Cake (2974037) **3.00** Poor Little Rich Girls (7791613) **3.30** [illegible] (8812759) **4.00** Persuasion (5332570) **5.15** Families (2527963) **6.00** The Grumbleweeds Radio Show (1361223) **6.30** Classic Coronation Street (5817002) **7.00** Crown Court (7889322) **7.30** A Fine Romance (2517367) **8.00** Medics (2170919) **9.00** The Good Life Guide (3215990) **9.25** Classic Coronation Street (3704445) **10.00-1.00** Persuasion
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From 3.00-6.00 Home and Garden. Includes The Good Life Style Guide

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7.00am Lassie (7696342) **7.30** Give Us A Clue (7788377) **8.00** Neighbours (5759398) **8.25** EastEnders (5236919) **9.00** The Bill (7120087) **9.30** Angels (3592532) **10.30** The Sullivans (7046071) **11.00** Rumpole of the Bailey (7797025) **12.00** Sale of the Century (7133551) **12.30pm** Neighbours (9757939) **1.00** EastEnders (1292822) **1.35** *Shelley* (1651087) *2.20 For the Love of Ada* (53054667) **2.50** It Ain't Half Hot, Mum (9078984) **3.30** The Bill (5412464) **4.00** Casualty (72343716) **5.05** Generation Game (85214193) **6.10** After the Show (8909261) **6.25** EastEnders (4024984) **7.00** The Best of TOTP (2320261) **7.45** Pop Profile (4562648) **8.00** Funny You Ask (8714483) **8.30** Executive Stress (8793890) **9.00** The Sweeney (10720919) **10.05** The Bill (5556261) **10.40** Naked Video (8202483) **11.15** The Equalizer (2416174) **12.10am** Kessler (5469626) **1.05** Campaign (1596149) **2.00** Shopping (9397782)

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6.00am Tiny and Crew (2337483) **6.15** Mr Bean (2332938) **6.30** Bertha (87700) **7.00** Barney (99087) **7.30** Toon Room (91862) **8.00** Eek the Cat (57280) **8.30** Dennis the Menace (56551) **9.00** Earthworm Jim (47803) **9.30** Flash Gordon (83193) **10.00** Art Attack (74280) **10.30** Hang Time (43087) *11.00 Ready or Not* (81396) **11.30** No Naked Flames (4804551) **12.05pm** Sweet Valley High (7080551) **12.40** Dennis the Menace (1604358) **1.15** California Dreams (303193) **1.45** Earthworm Jim (6787716) **2.20** Babysitters' Club (7375358) **3.00** Hang Time (6358) **3.30** Felix (2659377) **3.45** Trouble Party (2647532) **4.00** California Dreams (8880) **4.30-5.00** Sweet Valley High (6464)

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PARAMOUNT

7.00pm Diff'rent Strokes (8551) **7.30** Benson (1377) **8.00** Due South (86551) **9.00** Almost Perfect (25716) **9.30** Taxi (43551) **10.00** Entertainment Tonight (48254) **10.30** Dr Katz (13922) **11.00** Nightstand (98087) **12.00** Sledge Hammer! (70588) **12.30am** Kids in the Hall (64439) **1.00** Due South (98526) **2.00** Entertainment Tonight (26897) **2.30** Dr Katz (42584) **3.00-4.00** *Nightstand (49410)*

BRAVO

12.00 Fantasy Island (1258784) **1.00pm** Remington Steele (6880712) **2.00** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) (4392803) **3.00** Land of the Giants (5790754) **4.00 FILM: Spring and Port Wine** (8719938) **6.00** Joe 90 (6507416) **7.00** Monkey (2979025) **8.00** Remington Steele (2955445) **9.00** Starsky and Hutch (2976209) **10.00-12.00 FILM: Teachers** (5799025)

UK LIVING

6.00am Kilroy (6165396) **7.00** The Agony Experience (4287803) **7.30** The Young and the Restless (8559803) **8.20** Gourmet Ireland (1923174) **8.55** Turnabout (2408938) **9.35** Call the Doctor (5538551) **10.00** Super Fresco Fabulosious (1364006) **10.05** The Jerry Springer Show (8658464) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (8744445) **11.55** Brookside (72324071) *12.25pm Trivial Pursuit (14100957)* **12.50** Gabrielle (9212174) **1.40** Rolonda (7173700) **2.30** The Agony Experience (7530193) **3.00** Live at Three (7854532) **4.00** Who's Sorry Now? (7521445) **4.30** Talkabout (8805731) **5.05** Lingo (92278358) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (7541209) **6.00** Bewitched (7531822) **6.30** Ready, Steady, Cook (8098993) **7.05** Brookside (2351551) **7.35** Super Fresco Fabulosious (6185342) **7.40** Trivial Pursuit (8888483) **8.00** General Practise (1436358) **9.00 FILM:** My Breasts (63953377) **10.55** Sex Life (8031984) **11.25-12.00** More Sex Life (4428716)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Blockbusters (1803) **5.30** Treasure Hunt (54358) **6.30** Catchphrase (8209) **7.00** Through the Keyhole (1667) **7.30** Sweat Justice (92193) **8.30** Rising Damp (9822) **9.00** Bergerac (99803) **10.00** The Ruth Rendell Mysteries (92990) **11.00** Only When I Laugh (73377) **11.30** Home to Roost (70464) **12.00** Moonlighting (36014) **1.00am** Bergerac (60994) **2.00** Sweat Justice (88236) **3.00** Moonlighting (92526) **4.00** All Together Now (53965) **4.30-5.00** The Black Stallion (32897)

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9.00pm Clash of the Titans (1981) (76588445) **11.00 The Carey Treatment (1972)** (41864667) **12.45 The Angel Wore Red (1960)** (76155061) **2.30-5.00am Clash of the Titans (1981)** (65530110)

PERFORMANCE

7.00pm Dizzy Gillespie (1352342) **8.00** Ana (7460938) **8.30** Natasha (22246716) **9.45** Mitsuko Uchida: Mozart in Japan (70447006) **11.00** Wagner: Part Three (4201483) **12.00-1.00** Eartha Kitt (7712217)

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5.00pm Blockbusters (92839174) **5.30** All Together Now (94518993) **6.00** Hey Dad (97769416) **6.30** Duty Free (58311269) **7.00** Boon (75483700) **8.00** A Kind of Living (92835358) **8.30** Snakes and Ladders (92847193) **9.00** Yesterday's Dreams (78489984) **10.00** Tanamera (76482071) **11.00** Fast Forward (27872716) **11.30-12.00** Duty Free (77864445)

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Interest high in QPR forward

Sinclair heads Tottenham's shopping list

By Peter Ball and Richard Hobson

THE chase for Trevor Sinclair, the Queens Park Rangers forward, intensified yesterday with Everton, Leeds United and Tottenham Hotspur signalling their interest, although they stopped short of making bids until he becomes officially available. Sinclair put in a written transfer request at the end of last week that will be discussed at the next QPR board meeting.

In the meantime, Tottenham were the most forthcoming after revealing that their attempt to sign Emmanuel Petit, the AS Monaco and France defender, had failed.

"I contacted QPR over the weekend to remind them of our interest in Trevor," Gerry Francis, the Tottenham manager, said. "When we put in our initial bid, we were told he is not for sale; but we wanted to make sure we would be notified of any change in that situation."

QPR do not have a scheduled board meeting until early November, but there were suggestions yesterday that they might consider the request before that. Tottenham's initial bid, however, was £3 million and QPR are expected to want at least £5 million.

Leeds, who have been linked with Sinclair for some time, and Everton are likely to be prepared to meet that figure. Like Tottenham, Everton have asked QPR to keep them informed.

Leeds, too, are certain to try very hard to sign Sinclair. Their performance at Aston Villa on Saturday was described by George Graham, their manager, as "the worst since I joined the club" and left him in little doubt about his need for signings.

Savo Milosevic could leave Aston Villa just seven months after his outstanding performance in the Coca-Cola Cup final victory over Leeds. Doug Ellis, the chairman, confirmed that two Italian clubs, including Perugia, had "expressed an interest" in Milosevic, who arrived from Partizan Belgrade in July last year.

He has scored twice in eight games this season and was left out of the side that beat Leeds on Saturday. It emerged yesterday that Perugia have been monitoring events since the end of last season. Francesco Ghirelli, the general manager, said that Milosevic was among 20 players on their shortlist for consideration.

After winning promotion to *Serie A* in 1995-96, Perugia are tenth in the 18-team division. "We are not in a position where we need to rush into the market," Ghirelli said.

Brian Little, the Villa manager, said that he wanted to help the player through his lapse in form and dismissed reports that Milosevic had left the ground in anger on Saturday. "We have here a talented player who is under contract," Little said. "He has had a difficult few weeks, but he is well-liked at the club."

By raising around £4.5 million through the sale of Milosevic, Little would be in a position to bid for Stan Collymore, who has performed spasmodically for Liverpool since his move from Nottingham Forest. Collymore supported Villa as a child and lives in Cannock.

"I never comment on players under contract with other clubs, but anybody who thinks you get rid of a player one day and pull in his replacement the next is living in the world of fantasy football," Little said. "My last transfer [Sasa Curcic] took seven months to put together."

The threat of a players' strike in the Nationwide League remains over the Professional Footballers' Association's (PFA) claim for 10 per cent of the new £25 million Sky television contract. The League's board of directors was expected to make the PFA an offer yesterday, but last night Gordon Taylor, the chief executive of the PFA, had not been contacted.

Instead, a statement by the League said that further talks with the PFA would be held in the near future. "We are not in a position to divulge the nature of our discussions at the moment, but we will be in communication with the PFA shortly," Chris Hull, the League spokesman, said.

There has been a reprieve for Port Vale. Bill Bell, the chairman, yesterday withdrew his threat to close the club down if a buyer was not found within seven days.

☐ Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, met with Keith Wiseman, the chairman of the Football Association, yesterday to discuss whether Paul Gascoigne should be omitted from the England squad after recent controversies in which he was involved, but, according to David Davies, an FA spokesman, concluded that "any decisions which affect the England team will be taken when all the circumstances have been considered".

Sinclair: £5m price-tag

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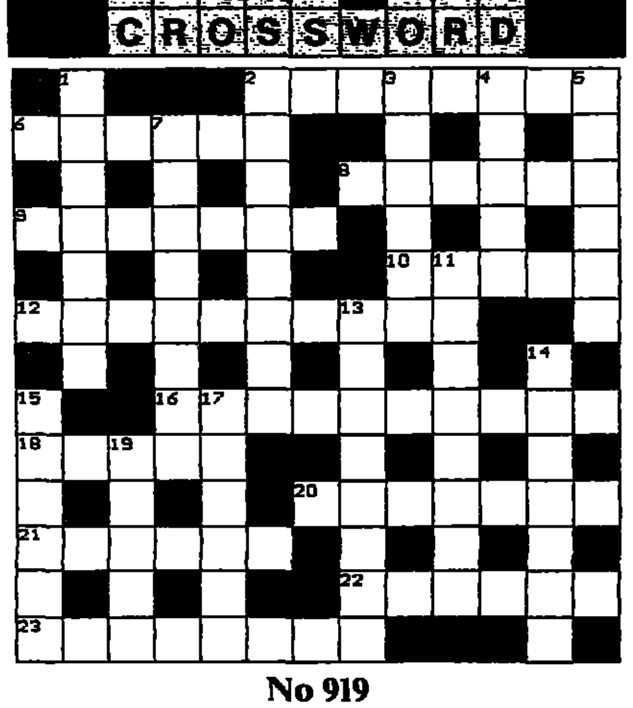

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- 16 *The enemy* personified (6,4)
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- 20 This heaven the ultimate (7)
- 21 Decay; rankle (6)
- 22 Decorative tuft (6)
- 23 And so on (2,6)

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- 5 Thing (existing by itself) (6)
- 7 Pocket cutter (8)
- 11 Dexterity (8)
- 13 Entertainment: a treetop (*anag.*) (8)
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- 17 Agreement (6)
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JOHN COLLEY

Richard Attwood gives his son, Bruce, a few tips before he competes in the Elf Fastrack finals at Silverstone

Attwood aiming for the big time

By John Goodbody

IT IS not only Damon Hill who is following in his father's car tracks. When Graham Hill, father of the new Formula One world champion, won the 1968 Monaco Grand Prix on the way to the second of his two world titles, another Briton, Richard Attwood, was second.

At Silverstone this week Attwood's son, Bruce, is one of 40 candidates competing for a single place at Elf's world-famous driving school, La Filière, and a fully-funded season of single-seater racing.

The motor sport "university", at Le Mans, has already launched the careers of more than 30 Formula One drivers, including Alain Prost, four times the world champion. It will be the first time that an English pupil has benefited from the scheme, which has received the backing of Frank Williams, owner of the Williams team.

"There are a number of world-famous names who were protégés through this system, including Prost," Williams said. "If the right man arrives through the scheme, he will emerge as a world championship candidate."

It is the first serious attempt at motor racing by Attwood, 21, a student in the second year of a degree course majoring in sports studies at Worcester College of Further Education. His track experience is limited to one brief, light-hearted outing at karting. Attwood, who has spent his 21st birthday money on entering the competition, said: "I am going for it and, obviously, will be trying to follow in my dad's footsteps."

Attwood, from Pattingham, near Wolverhampton, admires not only Damon Hill's driving ability but also his determination to succeed when he received such little backing early in his career. He said of his father: "Dad has not pushed me and, if anything, has put the dampers on the idea as he does not want to get my hopes up for the competition. He is quite reserved and likes to keep things to himself. The only time he really talks about racing is when he is with friends at events such as the British Grand Prix."

Attwood Sr, who won Le Mans in 1970, said of his son's attempt: "He's a good road driver and wanted to have a go to see where he is. I believe he should look at this week as something for enjoyment and experience."

Could he win the award? "That is Utopia. The chances are inordinately remote; when you have never done anything before you cannot believe someone is going to be No 1." Attwood Sr said about getting started in the sport: "I always look on the dark side. You cannot generate money unless you are brilliant at getting sponsorship."

If the world of motor racing proves impenetrable, Attwood, who is also a county standard tennis player, has the fall-back position of his degree and a probable career in the leisure industry.

Wembley earns call-up for national service

By David Miller

THE Football Association and the British Athletic Federation (BAF), the two most relevant national governing bodies with the widest responsibilites, nationally and internationally, yesterday announced emphatic preference for Wembley as the new national sports stadium. The Rugby Football League gave similar backing. A belated final decision, after prolonged postponement, is expected by the end of the year.

The decision is one that could, should and would have been made a year ago if Britain had a coherent national body with its finger on the pulse of commercial and international perspective. It does not. Instead it has the *Sports Council.*

It has long been known that the FA, unofficially, favoured Wembley, football's traditional home since it opened in 1923, but the FA wanted to negotiate a more financially-acceptable administration contract with the present stadium owners, who will receive an operating licence in return for sale of the privately-owned site as a public facility funded by the National Lottery.

A national stadium in the North, for all the long-standing dominance of Lancashire football teams, would not make long-term sense, domestically or internationally. There has to be the widest perspective. With Manchester twice rejected as Olympic host city, the message is clear: if the international community comes to Britain for a major sports festival, it wants to come to London. The British Olympic Association has unofficially accepted this and the next British Olympic bid is certain to be by London, for 2008 or later.

The BAF decision is equally predictable. The International Amateur Athletic Federation had made it clear that London is a serious candidate for the 2001 world championships if it is the site of the new stadium. If not, forget it. The indication is the same from the European Athletic Union regarding possible hosting of the European championships.

While the Olympics could have been staged splendidly by Manchester, there can be no question that, in the long-term, for all sports, London is the logical answer.

Campese reaches century

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

DAVID CAMPESE will follow Philippe Sella into the record books tomorrow when he makes his hundredth international appearance for Australia, against Italy, in Padova. Sella, the former France centre now playing for Saracens, retired after the 1995 World Cup with 111 caps and will now concede his unique status of reaching the century.

Campese, who made his international rugby debut in 1982, celebrated his 34th birthday yesterday knowing that if he can hold his form he has the chance to raise his mark to 103 at least, should he play in the games against Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Given that his international career seemed over last year, when he was dropped against New Zealand after a disappointing World Cup, his restoration is all the more remarkable.

He will play on one wing with Tim Horan, hitherto regarded as one of the world's great centres, on the other. Greg Smith, the Australia coach, believes Horan's broken-field running will gain greater expression from the wing. "I think we will be better served with Tim out wide," Smith said after naming a XV that includes another veteran, David Knox, now 33, at stand-off half.

But the Australians have already lost one of their key forwards for the entire tour. Garrick Morgan will fly home, probably today, after breaking a bone in his foot during the win over an Italy A side in Catania on Saturday; Morgan, the Queensland lock who returned to union after an unhappy spell in rugby league, will be replaced by Warwick Waugh, the experienced New South Walian.

Meanwhile Bath, searching for the consistent form that will earn them a place in the later stages of the Heineken Cup, have been linked with Federico Méndez, the Argentinian hooker now playing his rugby in Natal. Méndez, a try-scorer in his adopted province's Currie Cup semi-final win over Free State at the weekend, will not make himself available for Argentina's commitments against South Africa and in England, but is considering his future.

"I've had some good offers from overseas and I haven't made my final decision," he said. One offer is understood to be from Bath, who have considered strengthening their pack by the addition of two non-English players of acknowledged stature; Méndez would fit the bill, having been part of a front row that gave best to no one in the 1995 World Cup.

AUSTRALIA (v Italy): M Burke; D Campese, D Herbert, P Howard, T Horan; D Knox, G Gregan; R Harry, M Foley, A Heath, D Manu, J Welborn, J Eales, D Wilson, M Brial.

Smith loses grip on putter issue

By John Hopkins, Golf Correspondent

DO YOU love 'em or hate 'em? In golf, there are few half measures and few players who do not have a strong opinion about them. You are either for the long-handled putter that has transformed the career of Sam Torrance, among others, or, like Colin Montgomerie, you do not want to be in the same room as one. There is a school of thought that wants them to be banned.

In a sport full of space-race technology and jargon, such long putters appear odd, old-fashioned and cumbersome. Players who use them look bizarre because one hand has to clasp the end against the breastbone or under the chin while the other hand is placed halfway down the handle. Then the putter is swung as if it is a hinge.

Taylor Smith has no particular affection for these implements. Not, at least, after what happened to him at the weekend.

Tiger burning bright 50

Smith, a journeyman professional in the United States, was wielding his 44-inch putter to considerable effect in a tournament in Lake Buena Vista, Florida. With one round to go he shared the lead. A first tournament victory in his first season as a professional seemed a real possibility.

Then Smith fell foul of one of golf's many rules. The United States Golf Association has decreed that the grips on such putters must be round. Smith's were oval and flattened on one side. Halfway through his round he was reported to officials. At the end of the round he was disqualified.

There are enough rules of golf to shake either a stick at — or a long-handled putter. But remember, only if the grips are perfectly round.

Money for nothing appeals to Lewis

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

LENNOX LEWIS, the British heavyweight, could be in line for another big payment from Don King — once again for doing nothing.

Earlier this year, Lewis, the World Boxing Council's (WBC) No 1 contender, picked up $4 million (about £2.5 million) for agreeing not to meet Mike Tyson and for allowing Tyson to meet Bruce Seldon instead. This time Lewis is taking King, the American promoter, to court to claim $450,000.

Panos Eliades, Lewis's financial adviser and backer, said yesterday that he is intending to start proceedings in a New Jersey court today and expecting the court to order King to pay the money.

As the winner of the bid to stage the bout between Lewis and Oliver McCall, King was *obliged by WBC rules to give* Lewis a contract within 15 working days or forfeit the deposit of $900,000 (10 per cent of his $9 million bid), which he had to leave with the WBC. Eliades said that Lewis is entitled to 50 per cent of the deposit and McCall the other 50 per cent.

According to Eliades, all he has received so far from King was the date of December 7 for the bout, but, as there was no contract giving the time and venue, he has to go to court to secure the money.

Eliades said: "King did give me a date, December 7, but Sky, which will be televising *the fight, told me that they had* no date in December but one in January, so we went back to court."

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Uzbek warlord turns mediator and presents proposal for ceasefire

Embattled Taleban weighs deal for Afghan power share

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN KABUL

A CEASEFIRE could be in the making between forces fighting for control of Kabul, the Afghan capital. Taleban, the Islamic militia that captured the city three weeks ago, said last night it was ready to deal with its enemies — a rare hint at compromise.

In classic Afghan fashion, different factions sent out different signals yesterday. Ahmed Shah Masood, military commander of the former government forces, said ceasefire negotiations had collapsed. Pakistani mediators were last night frantically trying to revive the earlier optimism.

Taleban appears enthusiastic about the prospects for peace. It did not rule out the idea of power-sharing in Kabul, declaring that Afghanistan should be governed by all sections of the people. That was moderate language indeed for the hardline Taleban mullahs, whose forces control three-quarters of the country.

While talk of peace went on, so did the fighting. Shells were aimed at the civilian airport for the second day and northern edges of Kabul were hit by artillery fire. Sounds of shelling could be heard as darkness fell.

The ceasefire proposal was made by General Abdul Rashid Dostum, the northern Uzbek warlord whose troops and heavy weapons have moved south to support the forces of the former Government, positioned about ten miles north of the city. Taleban has repeatedly refused to negotiate with the old Government: that has been overcome by General Dostum acting as negotiator for both armies.

Taleban said it was ready for a ceasefire if there was a full exchange of prisoners, which seems acceptable to General Dostum. Details of the timing and place of the exchange, and the duration of any end to hostilities, have not been settled. Taleban said there could be peace on the battlefield as soon as its enemies agreed the details. It would not reveal how many prisoners were involved.

Masood: won support of Dostum's forces

Any suspension of fighting could offer a chance to negotiate a longer ceasefire; Pakistani mediators are trying to persuade all sides to enter talks. United Nations peace efforts are overshadowed by the Pakistani initiative, to the UN's annoyance. Norbert Holl, the UN special envoy on Afghanistan, had some startling observations about Taleban's ignorance of international procedures. Its leaders knew a lot about fighting but little about world or economic factors, he said. "Sometimes I think they have understood what I mean, but then you realise they have not — they have never known what a verbal note is, for example." They probably thought it was just rubbish, he said.

General Dostum has proposed the demilitarisation of Kabul to enable peace negotiations to begin, but Mullah Mohammed Mutaqi, Information and Culture Minister for Taleban, claimed, astonishingly, that the city was already demilitarised and in the hands of the police. That does not tally with the daily test-firing of heavy guns, which continued yesterday.

PATRICK de NOIRMONT / REUTER

Taleban fighters march through Hussein Kot village, north of Kabul, after retaking it

Kabul's de luxe delights: corn flakes and boiled insects

BY CHRISTOPHER THOMAS

KABUL is a smugglers' town, an Aladdin's Cave of music systems, foreign groceries, cheap watches and, in extreme profusion, some of the world's leading cigarette brands. For beleaguered Britons here craving basic essentials like Heinz baked beans and Mars bars, there are well-stocked shops on Chicken Street.

This oasis was once a source of alcohol, as rare in Afghanistan as rain. Before the Mujahidin captured the city in April 1992, there was an excellent under-the-counter wine cellar in one grocery, whose shelves are still adorned with such delights as Kellogg's corn flakes and Cadbury's chocolate — alas, white and crumbling with age — smuggled through Pakistan and Central Asia.

A day or two after the Mujahidin invaded on that Saturday in spring, I watched a British television journalist standing forlornly in the middle of Chicken Street as a gunman opened the boot of his taxi and discovered lots of French wine. These were removed and smashed with much ceremony.

Chicken Street is now as dry as the Afghan plains, because alcohol consumption could mean the loss of a limb under Taleban rule. Even the most famous bootlegger of old, known by the code-name The Chinaman, sticks these days to selling Indian tuna fish, canned fruit juice from the Middle East and the occasional jar of caviar.

The carpet shops in Chicken Street do a middling trade from aid workers and itinerant journalists descending for the occasional big story. These traders are desperate enough to accept a personal cheque for their rugs. They say they are rarely cheated: when they are, the guilty man or woman is liable to receive a visit at home in Europe or the United States from an expatriate Afghan relative seeking payment.

When not at Chicken Street or hurtling around the front line in decrepit taxis, throngs of journalists crash on the floors of houses occupied by hospitable Kabul-based correspondents. The fortunate ones who landed early commandeered rooms at the German Club. The club, which most of the time is empty, has cleared its little theatre and turned it into a dormitory. At night there are snoring bodies in the snooker room and even on the sofas in the dining room.

A few years ago the club was redecorated and the Afghan painters found a nice picture in a cupboard, which they put on the wall. It was Hitler inspecting his troops: the manager returned it hurriedly to its dark home. The German Club cooks do well, given their limited resources, but cauliflower is always served with boiled insects.

The alternative eatery is the United Nations Staff House, the heart of Kabul gossip, where the cooks do rather better. I heard yesterday that somebody had acquired a bottle of Black Label, but it is only a rumour. I value my right hand too much to inquire further.

Chechen rebel leader gives Russians ten days to pull out

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN NOVIYE ATAGI

CHECHNYA'S rebel President, Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev, gave a warning yesterday that the war in his republic could reignite if Moscow did not withdraw all of its forces by the end of this month.

He also regretted the sacking of Aleksandr Lebed as Moscow's special envoy to Chechnya, but said he was relying on the Russians to stick by the peace agreement signed in August.

"If just one Russian soldier stays here it means the war has not finished," Mr Yandarbiyev told *The Times* in an interview at his headquarters, ten miles south of Grozny.

General Lebed's peace agreement is continuing to be implemented, with what is a much more rapid troop pullout than the one from Afghanistan in the late 1980s.

Yesterday the 104th parachute regiment held its departure ceremony and left by rail. The Russians say more than half their troops have now pulled out, although they declined to give any timetable, or name any figures.

But a clash appears to be imminent over the future of the 101st and 205th brigades. Moscow says they are "permanently deployed" in Chechnya and not subject to the pullout. Mr Yandarbiyev said he expected all forces, including those brigades, to leave by the end of this month. Their continued presence, he said, would be a provocation and he could not answer for the consequences.

The issue could be even more explosive after the sacking last week of General Lebed, the author of the Chechen peace plan, and his replacement by Ivan Rybkin who, when Speaker of the Russian Parliament, actively supported the military in Chechnya.

Mr Yandarbiyev said he felt regret at the sacking of General Lebed, but declined to comment on Mr Rybkin, saying only that they had not been in contact.

Shirvani Basayev, a top rebel commander, was more outspoken. He got on well personally with General Lebed, a fellow military man, when they met at negotiations, and said the general did "everything possible to stop this war".

But Mr Rybkin was, "small coinage". "A person who started this war will never end it."

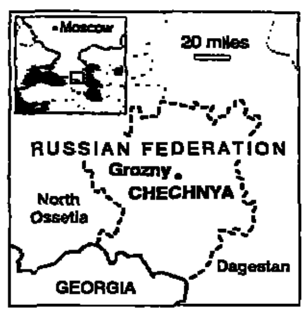
Mr Yandarbiyev, a poet with a black bushy beard, and wearing the traditional Chechen hat of grey and black astrakhan fur, sounded like a man who will stick to a tough line.

The southern half of Chechnya is now completely under his control. Not a single Russian checkpoint remains and armed fighters moved around unhindered. Cars and buildings sport the green, white and red flag of independent Chechnya.

"Can you deny that we are an independent state or do you feel this is part of Russia?" asked Mr Yandarbiyev.

His problem is that he may be eclipsed by his chief military commander, Aslan Maskhadov. Mr Maskhadov negotiated the peace deal and is now the most popular man in Chechnya and Prime Minister of the provisional government. Mr Yandarbiyev would clearly like to be re-elected in polls set for January, but he acknowledged that Mr Maskhadov might stand.

He is also preoccupied with the fate of almost the entire print run of his memoirs; 5,000 copies printed in the Ukraine were seized by Russian customs officials and Mr Yandaerbiyev himself has only one copy to show visitors. He hopes that under independence he may be compensated for his loss.



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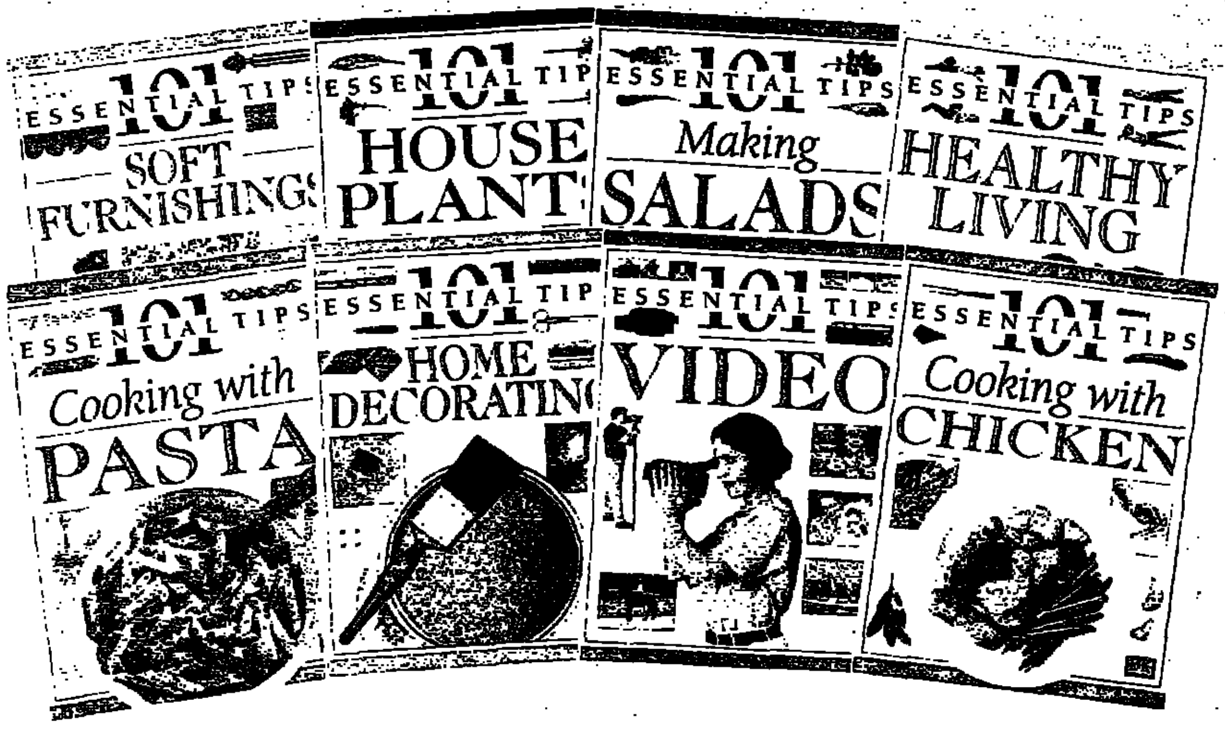

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I was a child sex abuse victim

Abused as a child, Peter Saunders has decided to 'come out' to help others. Interview by **Heather Kirby**

Peter Saunders, a lecturer in economics at Ealing College of Education, appears to be a cheerful, outgoing sort of person but inside *he is* still an unhappy child, haunted by vile memories and tortured by guilt. He was seriously sexually abused three or four times a week by a friend of his family from the age of eight until, at 13, he finally found the courage to say no.

"Then he abused me emotionally and psychologically which I think, in the long term, has had a far worse effect on me," Mr Saunders says. He has decided to "come out" about his abuse because, when he needed to unburden himself, he could find no one who would listen. He now intends to set up an organisation to help other adults who were abused when they were children.

His childhood trauma exploded last year when his father was dying. "I realised, now he was on his deathbed, that I would never be able to tell him what happened, and I wanted *to so much. That made me incredibly angry. I* was angry about being brought up in a household where I could not talk about a thing like that. My father was strict, a disciplinarian, but he wasn't cruel and I'm sure, if I had told him, he would have gone to the police like a shot. I felt sad I'd not been able to talk to him about it.

"All the family was around the deathbed and when it came to organising my father's funeral I blurted out, 'That bastard isn't coming and if he does, I'm not'. That's when I told them what had happened to me when I was a child. Another young male member of the family said that he had also been abused, by the same person, but he was reluctant to talk about it. He wanted to forget it and is now upset with me for bringing it all out into the open.

"No one else reacted the way I wanted them to: instead of sympathy, my telling them about the abuse has torn our family apart. They have turned on me and won't speak to me. After that I thought I would never be able to tell another soul."

Peter Saunders's evidence, and that of other individuals and organisations, will be made public today when the National Commission of Inquiry into the Prevention of Child Abuse publishes its findings. *Part of his experiences will be* relayed on a video because, a spokeswoman for the commission explains: "It is very painful for people to speak repeatedly about their distressing experiences."

The national commission, funded by the NSPCC, was launched in August 1994 to examine a broad range of public and specialist evidence about the causes of child abuse, and how it can be prevented.

Recently Peter Saunders met other survivors and has started having counselling twice a week. He talks about his abuse in a quiet, way, the straightforward delivery at odds with the sordidness and cruelty of his story.

"I used to babysit and the abuse happened after they came back home and after his wife went to bed. I was too frightened to tell anyone — and he said they would not believe me if I did. It wasn't until I was 13 that I plucked up the courage to tell him to stop.

"Not getting myself out of that abusive situation earlier has always made me feel guilty — although I now realise I was just a child, it wasn't me that did something wrong, and I need to forgive myself. My tormentor was a grammar school teacher. He constantly sneered at me calling me 'a bloody stupid boy' and rubbed my nose in the fact I failed the 11-plus. He ridiculed my chess-playing and scoffed at the idea I wanted to go in for cycle racing.

"One day he said, 'Pete, you are at a crap school. I will try and get you into college' — his school. He managed it somehow — my family thought he was doing me a huge favour — but they were the worst days of my life. He was head of the *PE department and would gawp at* me in the showers. He made remarks like: 'You are not going to interest any of the girls with *that*.'"

For a 14-year-old it was devastating. Then, when I fell in love with a French girl, he said I had no hope, she'd never fall for a 'thickie' like me."

Shortly after his father's funeral, Saunders rang Childline, but they could not help because they deal only with children. When he rang the NSPCC the response was the same. "It seemed as if there was no one to turn to. I went to the police but they were not interested, because the crime happened more than 20 years ago. My one tiny bit of revenge was going to *his* school and making a statement. Although he denied it, he subsequently resigned, so he is finished as a teacher."

Some experts think that as many as one in *five children are abused* — if you include, for instance, the belittling of children by adults in the category of abuse — and most agree on a figure of at least one in ten. Elspeth Kemp, a consultant clinical psychologist for North Lakeland Heath Care, says: "Children cope with abuse at the time by splitting off their emotions. Amazingly, they can remember, 30 or 40 years later, everything as if it were yesterday. The sudden urge to talk about it can be triggered when they find themselves as adults in a situation of powerlessness. As children they could not cope with what was happening to them, but when they are adults they can use adult resources to deal with it."

Peter Saunders now lives apart from his wife and two children of nine and seven, although he sees them every other weekend. "I have been unhappy for much of my life without knowing why. After my father's death I became seriously depressed, but now I feel very positive. The one thing that bastard gave me is an ability to empathise with victims of child abuse."

Peter Saunders

> 'No one reacted to it the way I wanted them to'

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Pamela Harriman: chatelaine of the US Embassy in Paris

Carla Powell (above); with her newly honoured husband Sir Charles Powell, and (right), leading Labour hostess, Gail Rebuck

Return of the political hostess

The political hostess is back. **Michael Gove** on the renaissance of a much missed breed

A dusting of *Montecristo* ash on the silver tray, the reflection of pearl in crystal claret glass and the blending of soprano laughter with baritone profundities. At the weekend it was a Brighton *hotel suite but, more usually* it's a Kensington dinner table. Carla Powell, the wife of Margaret Thatcher's most devoted diplomat, and a formidable female facilitator in her own right, was giving a party. *Not just any party, but an* event where networking is elevated from the humdrum and becomes high art.

The Albert Room of Brighton's Grand Hotel saw a variegated collection of pundits, politicos and plutocrats gather, as many of them have before at Lady Powell's request, for foie gras and flirting. The dinner was intended to provide a congenial curtain-raiser to the Referendum Party conference but as well as marking the launch of a new party it also signalled the renaissance of an old breed.

Lady Powell is the most glittering of a new generation of political hostesses, powerful women who preside over *salons where business and pleasure* are as intoxicatingly intermingled as gin and vermouth in a Martini.

Since Eve introduced Adam to a valuable contact in the serpent world the hostess has been as much part of politics as the broken promise and the greased palm. The great political battles of the 18th century between the Whig playboy Fox and the Tory prig Pitt have captured academic imaginations but, more fascinating by far was the struggle between the rival hostesses, Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire, the Whig coquette, and the Duchess of Gordon, the Tory dragon.

Amanda Foreman, the historian whose biography of Georgiana is published by HarperCollins next year, argues: "In the 18th century the political and social elites were interchangeable. Most real politics took place at social events and decisions of great importance were made more often in country houses than the House of Commons."

Georgiana's successors in this century have included Lady Londonderry in the 1920s, nicknamed "Circe" by her bewitched admirers, and in the 1950s Ann Fleming, wife of the sado-masochistic spy author Ian. Perhaps the most impressive of the modern models has been the American Pamela Harriman, mother of the Tory MP Winston Churchill, and now chatelaine of the US Embassy in Paris.

During the 1980s in Britain, however, the hostess was *knocked off her trolley* by the onward march of *la* Thatcher. Feminine fixers were eclipsed by the woman who preferred to lead a party instead of giving one. Elegant ladies who found their invitations unanswered knew what Thatcher meant when she said she believed there was "no such *thing as Society*".

But now the hostess is back. Carla Powell is the most prominent of the new generation, *counting, besides Sir* James Goldsmith, Tories from the dripping wet Tristan Garel-Jones to the desert dry Norman Lamont among her acquaintance — as well as being on giggling terms with Labour's Peter Mandelson.

Carla's easy intimacy with the powerful, combined with the Italian instinct to turn every meal into an event, if not a three-act drama, makes her a natural society hostess. Most hostesses use caterers to allow them to devote their undivided attention to their décolletage before dinner, to the diners during, and to dissection afterwards. Carla, however, *wields a mean* Sabatier.

Other hostesses who lean to the Right include Tessa Keswick, daughter of the late Lord Lovat and now married to Hong Kong businessman Henry; *Barbara Amiel, the* intellectual prizefighter wife of *Telegraph* proprietor Conrad Black; and Biddy Cash, thoroughbred partner of Bill, the Euro-expert for whom the word indefatigable might first have been *minted*.

Biddy kept the Tory rebels in high spirits during the battle of Maastricht with champagne suppers in the sceptics' den, a house opposite the Commons in Great College Street loaned by Alistair *McAlpine*.

One regular guest, William Sitwell, says: "An invitation to a Euro-sceptic gathering used to be about as sought after as a night on the tiles with Mother Teresa but Biddy changed *that. An important battle* which could seem boring became sexy."

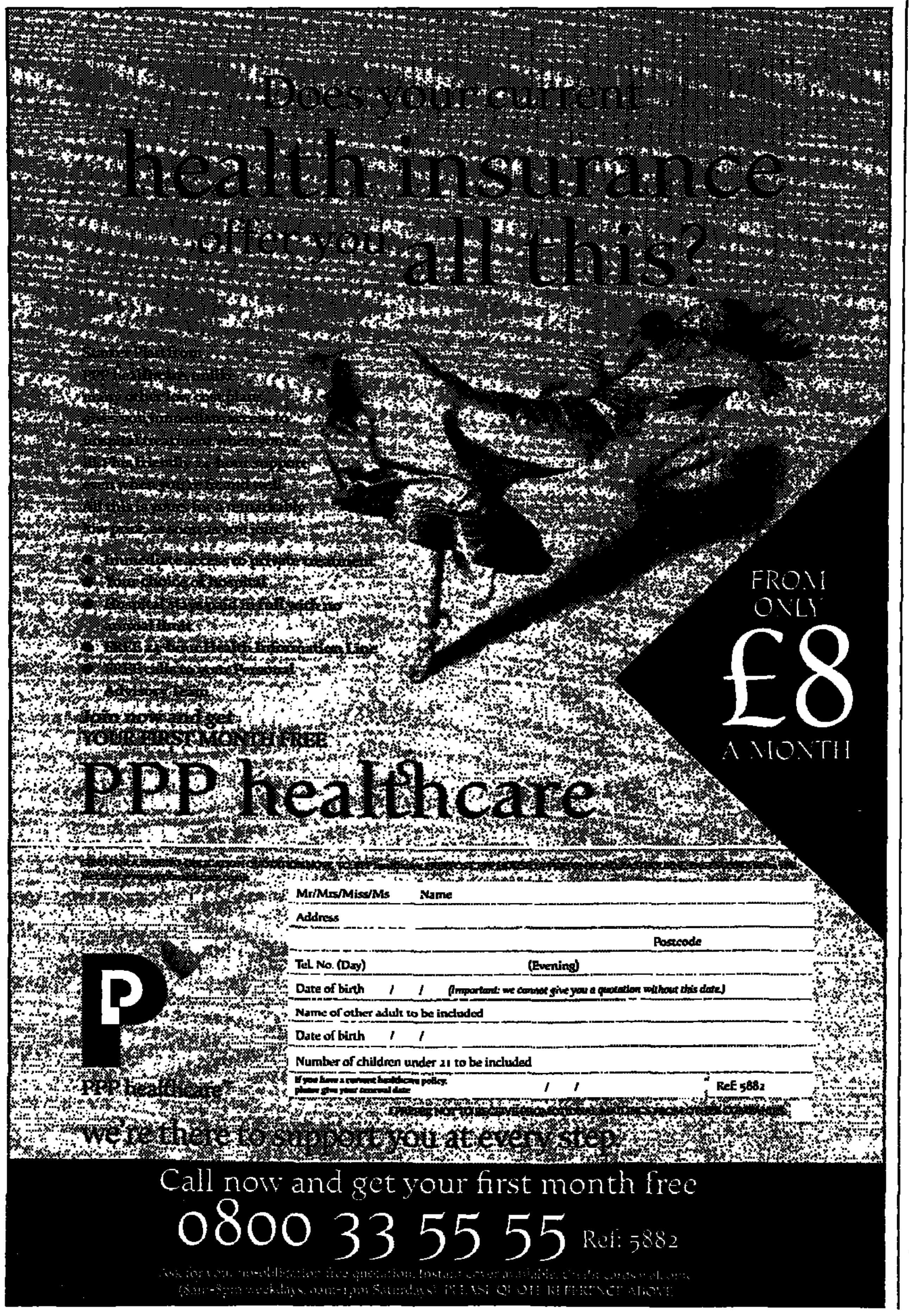
Barbara Amiel prefers discreet dinners in her Chelsea home with literary lionesses sprinkled among the *politicians and businessmen*. Although both Canadians, she and her husband are as much part of London's political scene as the Queen's Speech.

Tessa Keswick, who once worked as Ken Clarke's Conservative conscience, now runs the Centre for Policy Studies. As well as a midwife to ideas, she is also a matchmaker for talent. Tessa takes as many pains with her guests as the Treasury does with its figures. She sprinkles her handsome aristocratic relatives, such as the model Honor Fraser or the biographer Flora, in with grand business types such as Sir Ronnie Grierson and coming men such as Tory pamphleteer Edward Heathcoat-Amory.

A Blair government might mean changes, but it wouldn't see any decline in the power of the hostess. Unlike the more *formal dinners of their Tory* rivals, the hostesses of the Left prefer the unstructured bonhomie of the buffet. In a rare nod towards laisser-faire, guests are encouraged to mingle rather than be subject to a central plan. It's a case of New Labour, No Placement.

The two leading new Labour hostesses are Gail Rebuck, chief executive at publishers Random House and wife of shadowy strategist Philip Gould, and the radical barrister, Helena Kennedy. The guest lists at either's events overlap — with figures such as Geoff Robertson, QC, almost as in demand as Cherie Booth. Media figures such as Melvyn Bragg and Clive Hollick and *City socialist* Gavyn Davies are likely to be comparing notes while the hostess ensures that the only dangerous red is the Argentine merlot.

While ambition still lurks in politicians' breasts there will be a place for the hostess, as there is for the mistress — but the former remains, in her role as the lubricant of the democratic machine, an altogether good thing and worth raising a succession of glasses to.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In the second of two excerpts from his collected essays, the poet **Joseph Brodsky** attempts to persuade an audience of American college students of his belief that only through learning to value boredom can we truly appreciate life

In praise of boredom

But should you fail to keep your kingdom
And, like your father before you come
Where thought accuses and feeling mocks,
Believe your pain...
— W.H. Auden, *Alonso to Ferdinand*

Known under several aliases — anguish, ennui, tedium, doldrums, humdrum, the blahs, apathy, listlessness, stolidity, lethargy, languor, accidie, etc — boredom is a complex phenomenon and, by and large, a product of repetition. It would seem, then, that the best remedy against it would be constant inventiveness and originality.

Alas, life's main medium is precisely repetition. One may argue, of course, that repeated attempts at originality and inventiveness are the vehicle of progress and civilisation. As benefits of hindsight go, however, this one is not the most valuable. For should we divide the history of our species by scientific discoveries, not to mention ethical concepts, we will get, technically speaking, centuries of boredom. The very notion of originality or innovation spells out the monotony of standard reality, of life, whose main idiom is tedium.

In that, life differs from art, whose worst enemy is cliché. On the whole, art treats boredom in a self-defensive, satirical fashion. The only way art can become a solace from boredom is if you yourselves become artists.

But even should you march out in full force to typewriters, easels and Steinway grands, you won't shield yourselves from boredom entirely. If repetitiveness is boredom's mother, you, young and newfangled, will be quickly smothered by lack of recognition and low pay, both chronic in the world of art. But the other trouble with originality and inventiveness is that they pay off. If you are capable of either, you will become well off rather fast. Desirable as that may be, nobody is as bored as the rich, for money buys time, and time is repetitive.

Everything that displays a pattern is pregnant with boredom. That applies to money in more ways than one, both to the banknotes as such and to possessing them. That is not to bill poverty, of course, as an escape from boredom. All one can suggest is to be a bit more apprehensive of money, for the zeros in your accounts may usher in their mental equivalents.

As for poverty, boredom is the most brutal part of its misery, and the departure from it takes more radical forms: of violent rebellion or drug addiction. In general, a man shooting heroin into his vein does so largely for the same reason you buy a video: to dodge the redundancy of time. On the whole, the difference in tactility between a syringe's needle and a stereo's push button roughly corresponds to that between the acuteness and dullness of time's impact upon the have-nots and the haves. In short, whether rich or poor, sooner or later you will be afflicted by this redundancy of time. Potential haves, you'll be bored with your work, your friends, your spouses, your lovers, the view from your window, the furniture or wallpaper in your room, your thoughts, yourselves. Accordingly, you'll try to devise ways of escape. You may take up changing jobs, residence, company, country, climate; you may take up promiscuity, alcohol, travel, cooking lessons, drugs, psychoanalysis.

For a while that may work. Until the day, of course, when you wake up in your bedroom amid a new family and a different wallpaper, in a different state and climate, with a heap of bills from your travel agent and your shrink, yet with the same stale feeling toward the light of day pouring through your window. Depending on your temperament or the age you are, you will either panic or resign yourself to the familiarity of the sensation; or else you'll go through the rigmarole of change once more. There is yet another way out of it, however. Those of you who have read Robert Frost's *Servant to Servants* may remember a line of his: *The best way out is always through.* So what I am about to suggest is a variation on the theme.

When hit by boredom, go for it. In general, with things unpleasant, the rule is, the sooner you hit bottom, the faster you surface. The idea here, to paraphrase another great poet of the English language, is to exact full look at the worst. The reason boredom deserves such scrutiny is that it represents time in all its repetitive, redundant, monotonous splendour.

Boredom is your window on time's infinity, which is to say, on your insignificance in it. Once this window opens, don't try to shut it; on the contrary, throw it wide open. For boredom is to teach you the most valuable lesson in your life — the lesson of your utter insignificance. "You are finite," time tells you in a voice of boredom, "and whatever you do is, from my point of view, futile." The sense of futility, of limited significance even of your best, most ardent actions, is better than the illusion of their consequences and the attendant self-aggrandisement.

> The sooner you hit bottom, the faster you surface

For boredom is an invasion of time into your set of values. It puts your existence into its perspective. The more you learn about your own size, the more humble and the more compassionate you become to your likes, to the flecks of dust in a sunbeam or atop your table. You are to those flecks what time is to you; that's why they look so small. And do you know what the dust says when it's being wiped off the table? *Remember me, whispers the dust.*

I have quoted these lines by the German poet Peter Huchel because I like them, because I recognise myself in them. "Remember me," says the dust." And one hears in this that if we learn about ourselves from time, perhaps time, in turn, may learn something from us. What would that be? That inferior in significance, we best it in sensitivity.

This is what it means — to be insignificant. If it takes will-paralysing boredom to bring this home, then hail the boredom. You are insignificant because you are finite. Yet the more finite a thing is, the more it is charged with life, emotions, joy, fears, compassion. For infinity is not terribly lively, not terribly emotional. Your boredom is the boredom of infinity. Respect it for its origins — as much perhaps as for your own. Because it is the anticipation of that inanimate infinity that accounts for the intensity of human sentiments, often resulting in a conception of a new life. This is not to say that you have been conceived out of boredom, or that the finite breeds the finite. It is to suggest, rather, that passion is the privilege of the insignificant.

Passion, above all, is a remedy against boredom. Another one, of course, is pain — physical more so than psychological, passion's frequent aftermath; although I wish you neither. Still, when you hurt you know that at least you have not been deceived (by your body or by your psyche). By the same token, what is good about boredom is that it is not a deception.

Try to embrace, or let yourself be embraced by, boredom and anguish. Endure it as long as you can, and then some more. Do not think you have goofed somewhere along the line, don't try to retrace your steps to correct the error. As the poet said, "Believe your pain". This awful bear hug is no mistake. Nothing that disturbs you is. Remember, there is no embrace in this world that won't finally unclasp.

I wish you nothing but happiness. Still, there will be plenty of dark and dull hours. You ought to be fortified against that in some fashion; and that's what I've tried to do here. For what lies ahead is a remarkable but wearisome journey: you are boarding today, as it were, a runaway train. No one can tell you what lies ahead, least of all those who remain behind. One thing, however, they can assure you of is that it is not a round trip. Try to derive some comfort from the notion that no matter how unpalatable this or that station may turn out to be, the train doesn't stop there for good.

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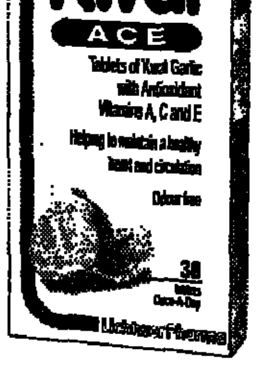
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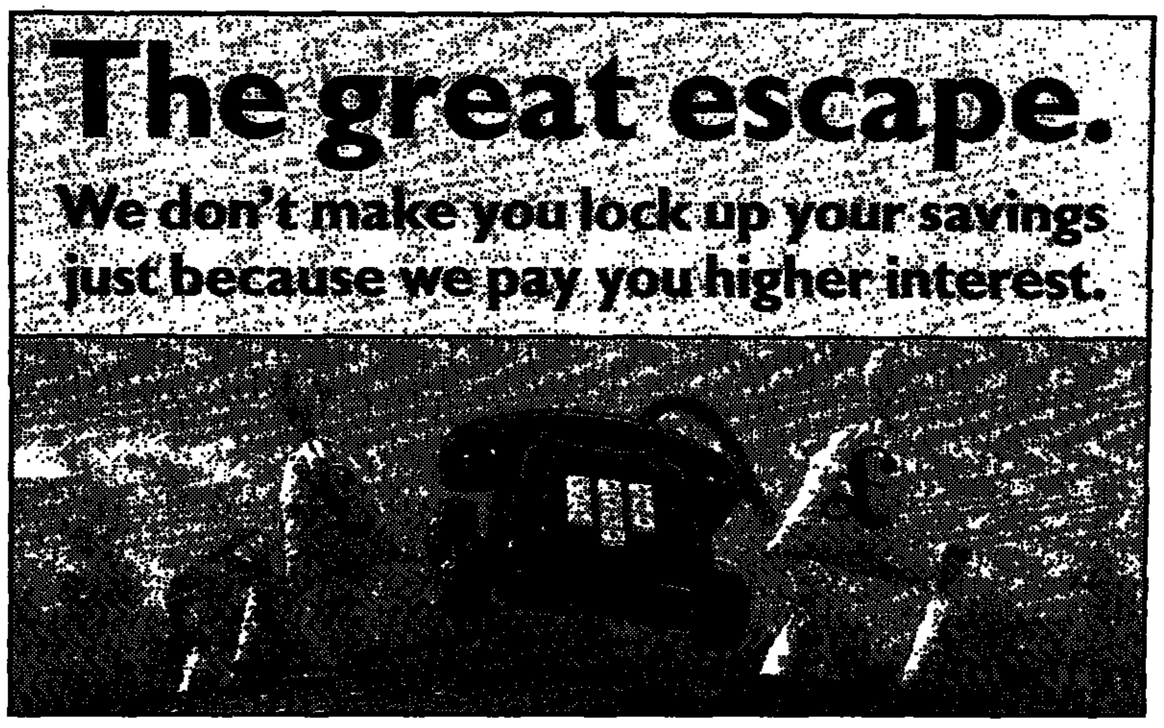

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Hungary for freedom, or just hungry?

Forty years on, **George Fischer** recalls the Hungarian uprising

It was spontaneous and bloody. Some say it was a magnificent defeat; others say it was a striking example of the Hungarians' longstanding propensity to suicidal futility. Hungary gained the admiration of the West and incurred the wrath of the Kremlin and the Red Army. The 1956 uprising left its mark on history, but what of its aspirations? Are they relevant today?

In retrospect, the road to October 1956 is clearly discernible: having occupied Hungary in 1945, the Soviet Union installed the arch-Stalinist regime of Matyas Rakosi, whose rule generated enormous misery, frustration and anger. Stalin's death in 1953 and Khrushchev's denunciation of Stalin in February 1956 speeded up the ferment within the Communist parties of Central Europe, particularly in Poland and Hungary. Card-carrying intellectuals became vociferous in their condemnation of the Stalinists. Critical voices rose in the public at large, and in October, university students in Szeged and Budapest put their demands on paper: redressing the wrongs of the Rakosi regime, the withdrawal of Soviet troops, and free elections.

1956 was about ideals; 1996 is about groceries

They called for a demonstration of solidarity with the Polish reformists on the afternoon of October 23. By the evening, Stalin's gigantic statue — which, in the words of a Hungarian novelist, "sodomised the skyline" — had been pulled down. By dawn, Soviet tanks were on the streets of Budapest. The fight was on. Small, uncoordinated groups with the single aim of getting rid of the Russians took on the Soviet armour. There was nothing more exhilarating than to bellow *Ruszkik, haza!* — "Russians go home!" Fear and fury are, as I found, a potent combination.

Patchy official Hungarian and Soviet records of the period reveal indecisiveness, reaction rather than action, until October 31, when the minutes of the Praesidium record Khrushchev deciding against withdrawal, because "it would encourage the American, British and French imperialists . . . In addition to Egypt we would hand them Hungary as well." Next day, the Soviet high command sanctioned Operation Whirlwind. The Hungarian Government, by then led by Imre Nagy, a Moscow-trained Communist turned reformer, went through condemnation, acceptance and finally support for the uprising.

At dawn on November 4, nearly 60,000 Soviet troops began Operation Whirlwind. Within days, armed resistance was crushed. More than 2,500 died and about 20,000 were wounded. Parts of the capital lay in ruins. Of the Russian soldiers, 700 were killed and perhaps 1,500 were wounded. More than 200,000 people fled a country of ten million inhabitants. Khrushchev put Janos Kadar in charge of the country, and retribution began: 20,000 people were imprisoned, 230 were hanged.

By the late 1960s, however, a combination of economic reforms and relatively liberal social and political measures had improved living standards, and "goulash communism" was about to be established. Hungary took advantage of the almost complete de-Stalinisation of the Soviet bloc and became the leading economic reformer. By the late 1980s, it was also leading political reform — so much so that the party relinquished power and submitted itself to the democratic will in 1990.

After a 34-year hiatus, Hungary again stood on the threshold of democracy and independence, this time through a properly conducted election and with offers of substantial material help from America and the European Community. The Christian Democrat coalition Government saw the departure of Soviet troops, but it was inadequate to the intricate task of establishing a market economy without alienating its electoral majority. Nor did it manage to make a dent in the most insidious legacy of 40-odd years of Communist rule: corruption and mendacity. Dishonesty remains a tool of survival.

Yet this mentality briefly vanished during the uprising. There was no looting. Complete strangers provided food and shelter for the needy and looked after the casualties — as if someone had thrown a switch which triggered common decency. That decency perished before the Soviet tanks.

In 1994, the refashioned remnants of the Communists, the Hungarian Socialist Party, headed by the diminutive Gyula Horn, won the democratic contest by a landslide, with a manifesto that was a model of how to meet the preoccupations of a disillusioned electorate.

The 1956 uprising was sudden and too short-lived to generate well thought-out political programmes. Independence, neutrality and democracy were the common impulses of the vast majority. Hungary is now independent. Neutrality is forgotten. To join the EU and Nato has become a talisman of national virility. The Hungarian People's Republic is dead. Long live the democratic Hungarian Republic: a callow democracy, but a working one.

Ironically, most of those now in government and in key industrial and commercial positions used to be stalwarts of the communist regime in its later years, and the opposition parties even talk about restoration. I think they have a point. But probably the majority of the electorate, whose living standards have fallen steadily since 1990 and who have not yet found their feet in a market economy, couldn't care less about the administration, so long as it improves their lot. This is why the uprising has so little relevance today: 1956 was about ideals; 1996 is about groceries.

The author fled from Hungary in 1956.

Little Boy kneels at the foot of the bed,
Droops on the little hands little gold head.
Hush! Hush! Whisper who dares!
The Party Leader is saying his prayers.

God bless the Party, our Lords and MPs,
Constituency workers who try hard to please.
God bless the don't-knows, help them to see;
Don't bless the other lot, *God bless ME.*

22 X 96 Peter Brookes (a long way after A.A.Milne & E.H. Shepard)

Prisoners of stupidity

Custodial sentences must become a last resort — and a constructive one

Libby Purves

What Frances Lawrence says is true: the murder of her husband, Philip, is more than a personal tragedy and poses more than a logistical problem. It faced us, that dreadful December day, not with some simple practical need to fiddle around with knife amnesties and school security, but with clear alternatives: what Mrs Lawrence called "chaos and disintegration" or coherence and common morality.

Listening to the 16-year-old killer did nothing to remove that sense of chaos. Learco Chindamo lived for his only identity, the gang; he had a spiritually impoverished home life, made an idol of a violent father and was calmly playing pool as his victim died. Mrs Lawrence is a remarkable and humane woman, and felt "no pleasure to see a young life locked away", but only an overwhelming sadness that Chindamo knew no better. Her husband, she has said with sad irony, would have wanted to help such a boy. After her dreadful loss, and her children's, she still *believes in individual redemption.*

It is that humanity which gives me the nerve to respond to Mrs Lawrence's words not only with an endorsement of her general ideas, but with something which at first sight seems incongruous: a plea for penal reform. In horrible cases, it may greatly relieve our feelings to lock people up; but it does no good at all until we also confront our communal responsibility for what happens next.

We have custody of this miserable youth now: we have imprisoned him, first in Feltham and now in the adult system. We control what happens to him, and to us when he is let out. We have 57,320 similar responsibilities, from Rosemary West to fraudsters and fine-defaulters, flashers and vagrants, drunk-drivers and drug-pushers, burglars and — any minute now — stalkers. There are 57,320 people in British prisons, more than ever before. We have got them: what next?

Something radical has to be done. Overcrowding is now so serious that it has emerged that the Home Office is preparing contingency plans to lock up prisoners in magistrates' court cells, kept in order by private guards. A security firm confirmed this to a newspaper: prison and probation officers responded with dismay, saying that such cells are dark, smelly, and designed only as waiting-rooms.

Meanwhile the scheme for a military "boot camp" at Colchester to absorb civilian young offenders is already running into trouble over a possible legal challenge from the Prison Governors Association: a military commander is unqualified to run a civilian prison. Elsewhere, the Home Office has been snapping up pre-fab huts used by oil-rig workers to provide extra beds; before we know it, they will copy the Taleban idea of using cargo-containers. From police cells to privatisation, every possible avenue is being explored which will enable us to warehouse more and more convicted criminals.

But what's the point? The more crowded the prison system becomes, the lower its quality. Even if you do not care how miserably convicts live — and God knows, there are some it is impossible to wish well — you cannot deny that the less thoughtful and creative prisons are, the less likely they are ever to turn anybody into a useful or at least harmless citizen.

Riots and reports tell us clearly that overstressed prisons are nervy, angry, frustrating places. The morale of prison officers is low. What should be a challenging, interesting job is regarded by most people as the last thing in the world they would want to do. A profession which needs strong and wise recruits is failing to attract enough of them. I mean no disrespect to good prison officers: only to commiserate with them for the stress they suffer because we — people, media, and therefore politicians — prefer to turn away from our responsibility once the judge says "send him down".

Inside any prison, staffing problems and economies mean that education sessions and physical exercise are often suddenly curtailed, and that everyone can be banged up for 23 hours at a stretch. Drugs are so rife — and in the privately expressed view of some prison officers, so crucial to preventing uncontrollable riots — that some prisoners arrive innocent of "puff" and "E" and leave with a taste for them. In an attempt to keep the level down, ever stricter rules prevent anything at all being sent or brought to prisoners: never mind the old jokes about a file in a fruit-cake, these days you can't send them postage stamps because the glue might be impregnated with LSD. Sending a book to a friend in prison requires complex diplomacy and special pleading. Despite the valiant efforts of education departments, prisons under the stress of numbers become no more than an increasingly desperate exercise in containment.

There are some small candles in the darkness: organisations such as the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders, prison visitors, and charities who look after families of prisoners and promote rehabilitation. But it is hard for them to get noticed: easier to rattle a tin for a donkey sanctuary, or campaign for passports for diplomats' doggies, than to interest Britain in how it handles its prisoners. It does not even make financial sense. Far from "paying a debt to society", most convicts are unwillingly running up a large and never-to-be-refunded hotel bill.

The prison population has to be reduced; when will we demand it? This is not some wet liberal plea for universal mercy. At the moment we let all prisoners out earlier than their sentence suggests, strikingly unimproved. If we could invent other punishments and restraints for criminals who are not a physical danger to the public, we could better contain those who are — killers, gangsters, child molesters, violent robbers. Prison can do this only if it has time and scope and staff to deal with them, not only toughly but intelligently. There is no point in dumping them in places of containment clogged with fine-defaulters and shoplifters and bent lawyers and Ernest Saunderses.

To improve jail, we need other punishments. Some could be imaginative: I admit to a soft spot for the American judge who is always condemning people to wash windows and apologise to their wives in public on the town hall steps. Community service orders could be much more widely used and thoughtfully devised, and administered so rigorously that nobody would think them a soft option. Eric Cantona did everyone more good by teaching children football than he would have done sulking in a cell. The courts could be given authority, and the Probation Service funds, to make lives uncomfortable and restricted in a dozen other ways than jail: service, curfews, restriction of movement, even tagging. One of the few creative ideas to have come out of Michael Howard's Home Office is the withdrawal of driving licences for crimes not related to motoring.

We must get rid of the idea that prison is the only serious punishment for every kind of crime. Clear the decks and enable prisons to work on the worst criminals, mainly the violent. Prison should be not an end but a beginning: a place where the heaviest disapproval of society is combined with its most strenuous efforts to persuade and enforce change, both through education and *through refusal to tolerate antisocial* speech and behaviour.

Clear out the inappropriate inmates and prisons could be both stricter and more creative. Drugs could be far better controlled, not only by a higher ratio of staff to prisoners, but by a less compromising attitude. Physical searches have been curtailed for reasons of human dignity, resulting in an influx of smuggled drugs, but if the only people inside were those who had been violent, or incited and managed violence, it might be more acceptable to enforce such small humiliations.

Prison, at present, involves a lot of aimless hanging around, a few hours of work for the lucky, and the supremacy of a druggy, boasting, macho prisoner culture. If the numbers were drastically reduced, the balance could swing back to a culture imposed by those who (as our representatives) run the prisons. Imagine a humane but determined, professionally respected, well paid cadre of officers with a status comparable to policemen and teachers. Imagine if in a criminal life prison did not mean the point where one sank further into criminal culture, but an enforced return to the values and behaviour of the mainstream. Penal reform is not irrelevant to the moral renaissance Frances Lawrence asks for. It must be an integral part of it.

Action to redeem society

Michael Howard honours Philip Lawrence's legacy

Events that tear at the heart of the nation can lead to a change of mood and to action that changes behaviour. Such an event was the tragic murder of Philip Lawrence, and the Prime Minister has made it clear that the Government will now play its part to the full in translating his widow's manifesto, published in yesterday's *Times*, into practical proposals.

Already we have taken further action to deal with violent and persistent offenders. We are setting up secure centres to provide a disciplined and secure environment in which a concentrated effort will be made to make them see the error of their ways. We also intend to extend tagging to young offenders, to keep them at home when they might otherwise be making mischief on the streets.

From January 1, it will be an offence to sell a knife to a person under 16 years old. We have banned altogether particular examples of dangerous knives, where it has been possible to define them in a way that distinguishes them from ordinary knives with legitimate uses. We are ready to extend the ban to other examples. Additionally, the police have been given the same powers to stop and search on school premises as they have already in public places. And the ban on handguns above .22 calibre — and on all handguns in the home — will produce the restrictions on gun-owning that so many people long to see.

We must also look to the longer term. In particular, we must act to prevent children becoming offenders in the first place. For example, there is a clear link between truancy and classroom indiscipline and juvenile delinquency. The Government is taking firm action on both fronts. Schools are now under great pressure to reduce truancy, thanks to the publication of school figures measuring their performance in this key area. In addition, this autumn, legislation will be introduced to make it easier for schools to deal firmly with children whose behaviour jeopardises the education of others.

Since the beginning of the year, a small group of ministers has been working together to see what can be done to identify those young people who are most at risk of becoming offenders and to turn them away from crime. The group has been looking at various ways for local agencies and voluntary bodies to work togther to prevent young people being sucked into crime. There are many examples on which to build. For example, the Dalston Youth Project in Hackney trains volunteers to befriend, advise and support 15 to 19-year-olds who are at risk of offending or who have already offended. The Home Office is funding an extension of the scheme to cover 11 to 15-year-olds.

In Milton Keynes, a Young People's Befriender Scheme pairs up young people who have been in trouble with trained volunteer mentors, who help them to deal with their problems and improve their self-esteem and social skills. These examples show the valuable contribution ordinary members of the public can make.

Much can also be done by confronting young offenders with the effect of their actions on others. The Hampshire police are developing this approach, as are several social services departments. Young people are made, for the first time, to face up to just what their behaviour can do to their victims. They and their families are encouraged to accept responsibility for their action and for putting things right.

Young citizens too have an important part to play. More than 1,000 Youth Crime Prevention Panels around the country now spread the message of crime prevention in schools and beyond. I intend to invite youth organisations to a meeting so as to discuss ways for them to contribute to the creation of a world in which good citizenship is the norm and violence is regarded by everyone with outrage.

Of course, the bonds of good citizenship are not confined to the young. There are now 150,000 Neighbourhood Watch schemes across the country, putting into practice the obligation of citizenship and helping to create a neighbourly society. So there is a strong foundation on which to build. But there is much more to be done.

One widely shared worry is the influence of media violence. In the Criminal Justice Act of 1994, we tightened the controls on videos and computer games. We requested the classification body to take into account the harm that these could do when deciding what to license and for what age group. Nor can we ignore the level of violence on television. We need to see what more can be done to reduce it.

The ideals of citizenship are worth striving for. The Government intends to establish an annual Philip Lawrence Memorial Award to recognise outstanding achievements of good citizenship by the young. We shall discuss the details with Frances and her children, and ensure that Philip Lawrence's example lives on.

The author is the Home Secretary.

DIARY

No briefs

THE PRESSURE of the forthcoming election campaign is exacting its toll on Cherie Booth, QC, the wife of Tony Blair. Talk among the Rumpoles is of the difficulty she faces in securing briefs in the run-up to the election.

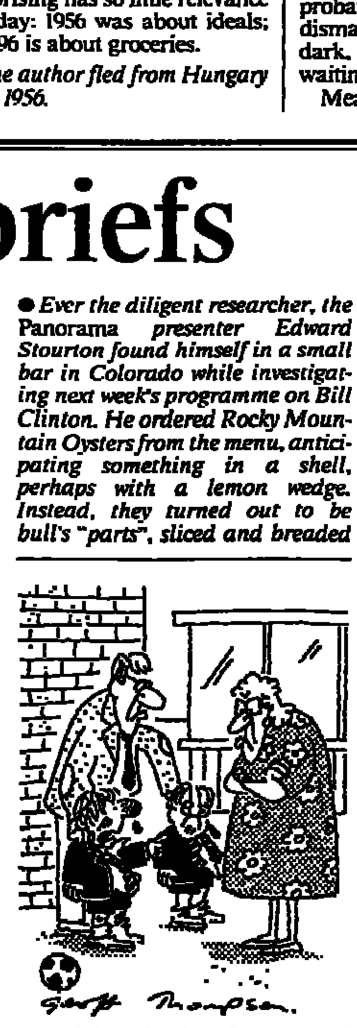
The clerk in her chambers at Gray's Inn, London, refuses to discuss the matter, but as the campaign approaches I'm told she is unlikely to have the workload that she used to enjoy.

Not only has she a high profile, which deters some solicitors from approaching her, but she is expected to become increasingly involved in the campaign. "She is totally committed to seeing Tony Blair elected Prime Minister," says one source, "and everbody thinks she would give up some of her workload to see it through."

Those in the trade say that Mrs Blair, who has been reported to earn up to £250,000 a year, has no cases lasting more than four weeks on her books.

There will also be family pressures. Although the Blairs have a nanny, she is expected to spend more time at home as Tony stomps the streets.

● *Ever the diligent researcher, the* Panorama *presenter Edward Stourton found himself in a small bar in Colorado while investigating next week's programme on Bill Clinton. He ordered Rocky Mountain Oysters from the menu, anticipating something in a shell, perhaps with a lemon wedge. Instead, they turned out to be bull's "parts", sliced and breaded — a local delicacy. "Rather like chicken," was his brave verdict.*



"He said that he was better than me at Citizenship, Miss!"

Braggadocio

NEVER one to hide his light under a bushel, Melvyn Bragg has been fixing the propaganda for his latest television venture in his own favour. When the press releases for the current Channel 4 musical series *Leaving Home* hit his desk, a tremor ran through his bouffant. His own involvement had been underplayed.

A new paragraph had to be inserted containing the line: "*Leaving Home* was originated as an idea by Melvyn Bragg, who is an executive producer of the series. Michael Grade and later Simon Rattle enthusiastically embraced the idea, taking three years for the series to reach the screen."

"There were a few minor hiccups along the way," concedes Bragg. "There was a mix-up which was quickly sorted out."

Car daze

LORD MONTAGU of Beaulieu's 70th birthday party on Saturday night, held at his Hampshire pile, took the theme "If music be the food of love, play on". For the occasion, Montagu wore a shirt with musical notes, a pair of trousers decorated with wine labels and a huge Carmen Miranda hat. The eclectic guest-list of 800 included Prince Edward, Sophie Rhys-Jones, Ken Russell and Lord Brabazon of Tara, king of the Cresta Run.

"It's all a bit of a haze now," said Lord Montagu yesterday, "but I do remember retreating behind a curtain after midnight to sit in my 1909 Rolls-Royce and smoke a cigar. Unfortunately I was caught and taken back to the party, where we danced until four to the music of my dear old friend George Melly."

Club fiat

GRAPPA glasses have been clinking at Rome's most exclusive gentlemen's retreat, the Caccia Club, on news of Fiat heir Giovanni Agnelli's engagement to a British girl, Frances Avery Howe.

The Caccia, with premises in a Renaissance palace once given by Napoleon to the Borghese family, is mooted as a possible venue for the reception. Giovanni only just scraped into the club after members tried to blackball him because his blood was not sufficiently blue (John Paul Getty Sr was similarly rebuffed). Only when Giovanni's uncle Gianni, the present Fiat honcho, threatened to resign was the young nouveau admitted.

Dished out

THIS jaw-dropping depiction of Diana, Princess of Wales, is the work of André Durand, specialist in saccharine portraiture. Entitled *Pizza Diana*, it will be unveiled in a west London restaurant next week by no less authoritative a figure in the world of arts than Sir David Puttnam, a regular diner at the haunt.

Diana and the pizza

Lack of space prevents me from displaying the full picture, which shows Diana being presented with a new culinary concotion — the Pizza Diana, a "medley" of coloured peppers, mushrooms and cheese — by the restaurant's suave owner. It's hard to say why the Princess is depicted as a clown, but Durand assures me that it was necessary, as was the striking shade of bright blue eye-shadow. Diana's office was unaware of the unveiling. "We have not seen this, or any other of these pictures," came the reply.

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PULPIT AND POLITICS

A Catholic contribution to a widening debate

The boundaries between pulpit and politics have rarely been so permeable this century as they are now. Politicians have been competing to appropriate parts of the Christian message for their parties like pilgrims grasping at fragments of the True Cross. Yesterday the Roman Catholic Church, having seen territory traditionally religious colonised by MPs, sought to make a provocative incursion onto the political battleground. Its paper, *The Common Good*, is a thoughtful appraisal of current political trends which refrains from endorsing any party but which is likely to give particular encouragement to Labour. The tone of argument is mature, and welcome, but not all the conclusions are necessarily consonant with the principles which the Church exists to uphold and the beliefs of some of its most dedicated adherents.

There will be resistance from some quarters to the idea of any Church, let alone the Roman Catholic, intervening before a general election with its own manifesto. There is a resilient strain in British public life, from free-thinking Whigs such as Charles James Fox to recent radicals of Left and Right like Michael Foot and Alan Clark, which abjures piety in politics. For the last hundred years the most electorally successful parties in continental Europe have, however, had Catholic social teaching at their heart.

That teaching was, perhaps, best encapsulated by Pius XI in *Quadragesimo Anno* which argued that "the right ordering of economic life cannot be left to a free competition of forces". The Roman Catholic Church is opposed to any materialist doctrine but it has never made the mistake of treating communism as an equal evil with capitalism. However, the collapse of the former has left the Church at odds with the triumphalist expression of the latter. That was apparent in Pope John Paul II's 1991 encyclical *Centesimus Annus* and is reflected in every page of *The Common Good*. In its content and in particular its warmth towards a minimum wage, its invocation of "stakeholding", its wariness towards the extension of market disciplines in health and education and its support for trade unions, it is not congenial reading for robust free-marketeers.

The document's insistence on respect for human dignity is welcome but the policies it embraces may not always be the best guarantee of the goals it sets. The point has been well made, not least by William Rees-Mogg in these pages, that support for a minimum wage actuated by a desire to reduce poverty may actually increase it by creating unemployment. The path to the poorhouse can often be paved with good intentions. Similarly, "stakeholding" can become a cover for the hampering of the competitive strength of a company, which in turn undermines its capacity to recruit.

One significant aspect of the document is the balance, almost Jesuitical in its ingenuity, between proclaiming the importance of what it sees as the right to life of the unborn child while insisting that no single issue should govern the voter's choice. The salience of abortion as an issue has disfigured American politics; it is reassuring to see it treated with such care here.

There is certainly a deeply felt need for moral voices in the nation's political debate. The scale and sincerity of the response to Frances Lawrence's manifesto in *The Times* yesterday is clear proof that her call for ethical renewal reflected a public yearning. *The Common Good* also speaks to that need. Although its prescriptions may not all be right for this fallen world, and the Church's eyes should always be fixed on the next, the document is a worthwhile contribution to a widening debate.

A PROVISIONAL VERDICT

Japan has voted for the LDP but not for its bad old ways

Three years ago Japanese voters, disgusted by a series of corruption scandals, broke the Liberal Democratic Party's 38-year monopoly on power in elections whose main theme was the imperative of cleaning the political house. Four Prime Ministers, five coalition Cabinets and a confidence-shattering recession later, the LDP appears again to dominate Japan's political horizon. In Sunday's elections to the Japanese Diet it came within 12 seats of a majority — not enough to govern alone, but enough to control the political agenda in whatever coalition Ryutaro Hashimoto, the LDP leader, cobbles together.

The hope that electoral reforms introduced since 1993 would produce a working two-party political system has not been borne out. The New Frontier Party (Shinshinto) headed by Ichiro Ozawa, whose defection from the LDP brought about its fall in 1993, lost not only seats but its bid to establish itself as the undisputed leader of the Opposition. Yet despite the failure of a united Opposition to emerge and the resurgence of the LDP's formidable grassroots party machine, it would be wrong to conclude from Sunday's result either that Japan has returned to the old political mould, or that the public has lost its appetite for political and economic reforms.

The domineering Mr Ozawa paid the price of running a troubled political house, up to a dozen of whose members could now, in the opportunistic traditions of Japanese politics at their worst, defect back to the LDP. He also lost ground because voters did not trust his grand promises to cut taxes by a massive $162 billion when it was unclear how they were to be financed. Above all, his New Frontier Party no longer strikes them as particularly new, or genuinely radical. That aura has been appropriated by the newborn Democratic Party, established only last month on a "citizens first" platform, which secured a remarkable 52 of the total 500 parliamentary seats. As Mr Hashimoto admits, the LDP has yet to recover the voters' confidence. It is back only on sufferance, and only in the absence of a convincing alternative. Its mandate is anything but solid; the turnout was the lowest in Japan's postwar history, with four out of ten voters staying away from the polling booths. But after the messy coalitions of the past few years — for which the LDP's partners in the outgoing coalition, the Socialists and the New Harbinger Party, were severely punished — the country could be said to have opted for a period of temporary stability.

The LDP gained ground where its partners lost for a single reason. It was judged the party most likely to muster sufficient strength to deliver on the pledges to deregulate the economy, shake up the bureaucracy, consolidate Japan's economic upturn and tackle the problems of an ageing society. The fact that these were obligatory items on the platform of every party in this election, other than Japan's died-in-the-wool Communist Party, shows that the reform agenda is still very much alive.

Mr Hashimoto must now assemble a working majority, but this will involve more unsavoury compromise. For a start, he needs the Socialists on board, since they hold the balance of power in the Upper House; but that means teaming up again with a party widely despised for abandoning its convictions for the sake of sharing power. The LDP has been given a chance to prove that it is no longer the creature of Japan's strong corporate and bureaucratic interests. It is expected to provide firm leadership. If it fails on either count, the electorate will be unforgiving — and by the next elections the Democrats, the new standard-bearers of reform, could have evolved into the political alternative that has so far eluded Japan.

BALLOONS OVER BRUSSELS

Belgium has lost its innocence without finding a role

Never have Belgians been so united. Across linguistic divides, party loyalties and cultural boundaries, thousands of Belgians took to the streets in anger, frustration and shame. The march through Brussels on Sunday was one of the largest any European city has seen: more than 320,000 people — one in every 35 Belgians — filled the main streets in a silent, dignified demand for justice. There were no slogans or scuffles: only a sea of white balloons represented the innocence of the children murdered by the paedophile ring which has brought Belgium to the brink of a moral and political crisis.

The demonstration, more than any of the spontaneous strikes and withering speeches of the past two months, has exerted a pressure on the Government that is irresistible. Jean-Luc Dehaene, the Prime Minister, promised the parents of the murdered children that he would create a national centre for missing children and that nothing would obstruct a full investigation into the girls' deaths. More significantly, he promised that Belgium would end the political appointment of judges.

The sad thing about this whole sorry affair is that it has taken a series of sordid murders to bring together a nation that for too long has wasted its energies in intercommunal bickering. There was at the weekend a solidarity on the streets of Brussels and an assertion of common humanity that rose above the squalid deals of a political class that has failed the nation. What ordinary Belgians are demanding is not only justice for the murdered children, but an end to the cosy political relationships that have created a system where the protection of cronies is more important than exposure of wrong-doing.

All countries suffer, from time to time, murders so horrible that they produce a wave of public revulsion and self-doubt. Such cases only have political consequences, however, if there is a perception that they were caused by, or were symptomatic of, failures in the political system. This is why the Dutroux case is causing such an earthquake in Belgian life. There is no suggestion that child murders are more common in Belgium than elsewhere. But there is a widespread belief that too many scandals have gone unanswered, too many crimes unsolved. Belgians have traditionally had narrow horizons, limited, as a result of battles fought over their territory, to their families and immediate neighbourhood. Provincialism is a trait that has been accentuated by decentralisation, as a result of linguistic quarrels, that has left the central government virtually powerless. But Belgian society remains steeped in the precepts of mainstream Roman Catholicism. Last weekend, those moral certainties challenged the political establishment to live up to its responsibilities. Belgium is waiting for an answer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Press report of barred evidence

From Mr William Clegg, QC

Sir, When Colin Stagg was found not guilty of murdering Rachel Nickell on Wimbledon Common he might have hoped that the verdict would be accepted by the police and the press. If so that hope was in vain.

The material published in *The Mail on Sunday* (report, October 21) demands correction.

The case for the Crown at trial against Colin Stagg was based upon a psychological profile of the killer which was alleged to match him. During a five-month police undercover operation designed to obtain a genuine confession all that was obtained from Colin Stagg was a confession to a crime that never took place and a number of details about the murder of Rachel Nickell that could have been proved false.

The conversations between Colin Stagg and the undercover police officer were ruled inadmissible by the trial judge and could not be relied upon as evidence from which to base a psychological profile, even assuming such evidence had been admissible. No other evidence was the subject of a ruling by the trial judge.

It was the prosecution who then decided to offer no evidence and the public can be certain that the decision was not made lightly. The reason no evidence was offered was because the other evidence could not and did not prove Colin Stagg guilty of the killing.

Having spent 14 months in prison before being acquitted by the due process of law is he now to be the subject of a campaign by a newspaper designed to suggest his guilt?

Yours sincerely,
WILLIAM CLEGG
(Leading defence counsel,
Regina v Stagg),
3 Hare Court, Temple, EC4.
October 21.

Cheltenham College

From Mr and Mrs Keith Douglas

Sir, You reported on October 17 (see also report, October 19, early editions; Diary, October 21) that the Cheltenham College headmaster, Peter Wilkes, has been forced to resign by the college council, apparently because of disappointing A-level results. On the same day you published a letter from the Headmaster of Ampleforth College advising that some prominent Old Boys were distinctly not among the highest academic achievers.

As Cheltenham College parents we are appalled at the enforced early retirement of Peter Wilkes. The recent A-level results were disappointing — perhaps a reflection of going too far in lowering entry standards to the Sixth Form — but this is being addressed. At the same time, the college has just achieved its best ever GCSE results.

Peter Wilkes has fostered professional and caring attitudes amongst his staff. Talent is nurtured, and youngsters mature believing in themselves and their abilities. Most importantly, the college seems to be a very happy place.

League tables have their use, but they should not be seen as the sole arbiter of achievement. Are we now to treat headmasters like managers of football teams and move them on when the going gets rough? Perhaps then we should place some of the college council on the transfer list.

Yours faithfully,
K. M. DOUGLAS,
M. L. DOUGLAS,
Red Dormers, Oakley Road,
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Visiting opera praised

From Mr Chris Viveash

Sir, I was dismayed to read your opera critic's review (October 15) of the Romanian National Opera's visit to the Hippodrome Theatre, Bristol.

I attended the company's performance of *Norma* on October 10 and before curtain-up pondered how long it had been since the provinces had had a chance to see *Norma*. Twenty years is the answer, when it was done by Welsh National Opera.

Your critic makes destructive remarks on the performance of the Romanian company, but does not address the lack of choice for provincial operagoers who want to see grand opera. ENO and Covent Garden have not put their noses out of London into the provinces for over 20 years.

Norma at Bristol was cheered to the echo. I hope the Romanian National Opera enjoy enormous success with their tour.

Yours faithfully,
CHRIS VIVEASH,
2 Roman Crescent,
Swindon, Wiltshire.

Thought for today

From Mrs Anne Atkins

Sir, I like Mr Lawlor's suggestion (letter, October 19) that *Thought for the Day* should consist of a period of silent reflection on a passage from the Bible, the Talmud, or the Koran.

I am confident that, depending on the passages chosen, a great deal more controversy could be generated than we have seen this past week.

Yours,
ANNE ATKINS,
St Dionis's Vicarage,
18 Parsons Green, SW6.
October 19.

'Flawed' funding damages NHS

From Mr C. B. T. Adams, FRCS

Sir, No one doubts the Government has increased its overall spending on the NHS in recent years (Conservative conference report, October 12). However, the level of government funding is such that increasingly the NHS is providing an emergency service; patients needing elective surgery are having to wait longer, or go without, or pay for it. In five years I suspect the NHS will be the NES — National Emergency Service.

However, what concerns many such as myself is how the available money is used. The NHS accounting rules would not be tolerated in any business. They penalise the efficient and prevent successful departments responding fully to demand. This produces profound loss of morale, something that is not easily reversed

The first flawed rule is the 3 per cent annual "efficiency" penalty, through which every department must make savings in costs, now in its 13th year. Obviously it penalises the efficient departments first, rather as if everyone were required to lose half a stone each year: those starting at a lean eight stone would by now be dead, while those originally weighing 20 stone would be healthier.

The second rule is that "prices (to NHS purchasers) must follow costs". In other words, no surplus (or profit) can be accumulated to create capital to expand the facilities of successful units trying to respond to market forces, unless special permission (little known and rarely granted) is obtained from the central NHS Management Executive.

In December 1995 I described in the *British Medical Journal* the financial demise of the Oxford Neurosurgical Unit. We became cheaper (prices following costs) than any other neurosurgical unit by far, yet could cope with increasing patient numbers only by shortening the patients' length of stay until we became unsafe. I had to call a halt and declare the department bankrupt.

What subsequently perturbed me was the profound ignorance of some of the most senior members of the medical profession, both in NHS administration and in the royal colleges, of the practical consequences of these NHS accounting rules.

For instance, one eminent and very senior NHS administrator thought costs to the purchaser were calculated by the "bottom up" approach, that is, based on the cost of individual patients.

The NHS is light years away from this sophisticated method. If such ignorance exists at the highest levels, how on earth is the situation going to be reversed and the morale of NHS staff resuscitated?

This aspect of NHS financing needs looking at urgently. The problem will not go away until someone makes NHS accounting rules much more sensible.

Yours faithfully,
C. B. T. ADAMS
(Consultant neurosurgeon),
Radcliffe Infirmary NHS Trust,
Department of
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Woodstock Road, Oxford.
October 16.

Fall in Labour lead

From Mr Frank Allaun

Sir, The nine-point drop in Labour's lead over the Conservatives shown in yesterday's *Sunday Times* NOP poll (report, October 21) substantiates the warnings by many active Labour Party members.

It shows that in the ABs, the better-off middle class, the Tories have recovered a 34-point lead compared with 11 points a month earlier. Amongst skilled manual workers Labour is ahead by 24 points and amongst unskilled workers by 41 points. That is where Labour's greatest support lies.

The way ahead for Labour is to satisfy the needs of millions of people who don't vote at all: nine million in the 1992 election plus two million who were not even on the election register, mostly poverty-stricken, repressed and alienated.

There are today 4.7 million people existing on sweated wages, ten million pensioners, two million "officially" unemployed and seven million trade unionists, and, in addition, their families. Their votes can be earned and won by looking after their interests instead of giving priority to the upper-middle-class.

This would not only be vote-winning: it is morally right that Labour should help those in greatest need.

Yours sincerely,
FRANK ALLAUN
(Labour MP for Salford East, 1955-83),
11 Eastleigh Road, Manchester.
October 21.

Referendum issue

From Mr K. A. Gottlieb

Sir, It is not difficult to attract devotees to a single-purpose party: the simple purity is seductive and there are no distractions such as reality, responsibility and the like.

The Government's commitment to a referendum before a decision on European monetary union must surely represent the optimum attainment of the Referendum Party's aim. Votes for that party will mostly be diverted from the Conservatives. Although new Labour's view of Europe is unclear, socialists tend to be fundamentally sympathetic to federalism.

The only logical position for the Referendum Party is to back the Conservatives and hope that Major gets a large enough majority to examine vigorously all the questions Europe raises.

Yours faithfully,
KIM A. GOTTLIEB,
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135 Hammersmith Road,
West Kensington, W14.
October 21.

Making allowances

From Mr Ian D. Bruce

Sir, Some years ago, in the days when wages were paid by cash in a pay-packet (letter, October 18), I had to try to persuade our workforce to disregard the Truck Acts and accept payment by credit transfer.

One wily old boilermaker told me that I could never expect to succeed as one of the great benefits of the pay packet was that, on going home on pay day at the end of the month, it could all be handed over unopened to the wife, so demonstrating great loyalty and devotion on the part of the donor.

He went on to point out with some satisfaction that the boilermakers never told their wives they were paid weekly.

Yours sincerely,
IAN D. BRUCE,
1 Sandiway Park,
Hartford, Northwich, Cheshire.
October 9.

On the run

From Mr Julian Ellis

Sir, It is not Mr M. Gee (letter, October 16) who is missing anything when he queries the wisdom of placing a prisoner the police describe as dangerous in an open prison to prepare him for release. It is the police who often make statements based on out-of-date information in such cases.

I know nothing of the circumstances of the case Mr Gee refers to. In my experience, however, when a prisoner serving a life sentence has made sufficient progress after courses, counselling, treatment and the like, and after years of incarceration, all the reports that have been prepared on him or her are submitted to a Home Office minister for approval before the inmate can be moved to an open prison.

The work which is carried out is considerable, and the decisions as to whether to move a lifer to open conditions err on the side of caution, sometimes excessive caution as seen through the eyes of boards of visitors.

Unfortunately, police spokesmen often do not seem to understand the remarkable transformation of many life-sentence prisoners which not infrequently follows highly skilled work in our prisons.

Yours sincerely,
JULIAN ELLIS
(Chairman,
The Association of Members of
Boards of Visitors, 1992-95),
2 Arnold Lane, Gedling, Nottingham.
October 16.

Bullying in schools

From Mr Fitzroy Ponniah

Sir, Your report "Sikh pupil found dead after writing of school misery" (October 17) is very sad and disturbing: sad because of the loss of a priceless life and apparently a very bright one, as his poems indicated; disturbing, as the growth of bullying in school is a symptom of the weakening of emphasis on development of character in education. This lack of character is seen in society as a whole, as evidenced by the sleaze investigation in Parliament (report, October 15).

Vijay Singh's poems and life point to an erosion of traditional priorities which should be a matter for great concern in this era of change.

Yours faithfully,
FITZROY PONNIAH,
72 Hazelwood Road, E17.
October 17.

Nobel prizewinner

From Mr Christopher J. Nutt

Sir, Of course James Mirrlees is correct in thinking that there is an optimum level of taxation (letter, October 14), just as there is of other extortions — including physical torture. But how depressing to devote enough of a life as to earn a Nobel Prize to researching the exact degree to which you can push such a dismal creed.

In most walks of life pressure has been abandoned as a means of getting the most out of people — encouragement produces much better results. Is it not time that tax experts caught up?

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER J. NUTT,
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Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.
October 16.

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Discord on college composition rule

From Professor Alexander Goehr

Sir, In the last 50 years musical composition has come to occupy an increasingly important role in musical education, from GCSE to PhD.

Although there is a line to be drawn between pure musicological and historical research and free creativity, it has been demonstrated again and again that the one thrives off the other and that considerable overlap exists. Consequently we have witnessed a gradual increase in the cultivation of musical composition in schools and universities and employment of composers as teachers, not only with the intention of "making composers", but of contributing uniquely to the wider understanding of music.

Now the Humanities Research Board of the British Academy (as opposed to the Higher Education Funding Councils, which are including university composition within the current research assessment exercise) has decided to draw a distinction between composition and research.

It says in a letter to universities "that even when composition is predicated upon analytical, historical and theoretical knowledge of existing music, that does not turn it into research", and consequently has withdrawn funding for the study of composition at graduate level.

This extraordinary belief has been reached without the benefit of direct consultation with any of the practitioners in the field and will have the result of closing British students of composition out of educational institutions after their first degrees and depriving of graduate students all the UK composers who are employed in British universities. Many of them have expressed support for this letter.

At a time when in the majority of countries where music is taught in universities, and following the lead of the US, composition is increasingly recognised as lying at the centre of our understanding and research, this seems a remarkable undertaking and one wonders whether it will be justified by the negligible savings that will result from it.

Yours etc,
ALEXANDER GOEHR,
HARRISON BIRTWISTLE
(King's College London),
JOHN CASKEN
(Manchester University),
PETER DICKINSON
(Goldsmiths College, London),
SEBASTIAN FORBES
(Surrey University),
NICOLA LeFANU
(York University),
University of Cambridge,
Faculty of Music,
University Music School,
West Road, Cambridge.
October 18.

Art of illusion?

From Dr Denis Cashman

Sir, Mr Stephen Walters (letter, October 16) is mistaken in assuming that a piece of writing must rhyme and scan to qualify for the title of "poem".

The *Chambers English Dictionary* definition is "a composition of high beauty of thought or language and artistic form, typically, but not necessarily, in verse", and you yourself in a recent leading article (September 18; see also leading article, "Live Poets' Society", October 10) drew attention to Housman's admission that while he could no more define a poem than a terrier could define a rat, he recognised it at once when he saw it.

I make no judgment on Jenny Joseph's poem, though I much enjoyed it, but from the vast treasury of lyric verse I would suggest that Mr Walters read some of Helen Waddell's *Medieval Latin Lyrics*: few rhymes but a veritable cornucopia of the loveliest poetry ever written.

I am, Sir, your obedient
and metrical servant,
DENIS CASHMAN,
4 Derwent Road,
Cullercoats, Tyne and Wear.

Waving not drowning?

From Mr Niels Kelsted

Sir, On page 3 today [later editions], a report on Mick Jagger and Jerry Hall informed me that their marriage "appeared to be foundering". By the time I had turned to the back page, however, I discovered that the marriage now "appeared to be floundering" — a step in the right direction, I'm sure you'll agree.

Yours flounderingly,
N. KELSTED,
52 Winchester Road, St Margarets,
Twickenham, Middlesex.
October 16.

Keeping one's hair on

From Mrs Georgette Behar

Sir, Once again I see you have used the derogatory term "blue rinse" when describing women of a certain age, usually Tory, though in this case (October 17) in Richard Morrison's review of Sir Cliff Richard in *Wuthering Heights*.

I personally "maintain" my dark-brown hair and none of my friends with white hair have blue rinses. Stop it.

Sincerely,
GEORGETTE BEHAR,
54 Hanover Gate Mansions,
Park Road, NW1.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 21: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by the Baroness Miller of Hendon (Baroness in Waiting) at the Memorial Service for Sir Anthony Parsons (formerly Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Iran) which was held in St Martin-in-the-Fields Church, London WC2, this afternoon.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent were represented by Mr Nicolas Adamson.

Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy was represented by Captain Neil Blair RN.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 21: The Prince of Wales this morning received the Chairman of Scottish Homes (Mr John Ward).

His Royal Highness, President, The Prince's Scottish Youth Business Trust, this evening attended a Banquet given by the Keepers of the Quaich at Blair Castle, Blair Atholl, Pitlochry, Perthshire.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 21: The Duke of Gloucester, President, East Midlands Tourist Board, this morning received Mr Andrew Pugh on relinquishing the appointment of Chairman.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, National Missing Persons Helpline, this evening attended a reception at the High Commission for the Republic of South Africa, Trafalgar Square, London WC2.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 21: The Duke of Kent, Honorary Air Chief Marshal, this evening visited Royal Air Force Odiham, Basingstoke, Hampshire.

Royal engagements

The Queen will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00.

Prince Edward will attend a concert followed by Beating Retreat given by Her Majesty's Royal Marines at Guildhall at 7.00.

The Duke of Gloucester will open the new Bolton District Probation Office, St Helena Road, Bolton, at 11.20; and accompanied by the Duchess of Gloucester, will open the refurbished Crown Courts, Minshull Street, Manchester, at 12.25; afterwards, he will visit the Gorse Hill Regeneration Area, Trafford, at 2.30. Later, as Patron, Heritage of London Trust, he will attend a reception to mark the trust's 15th anniversary at Fishmongers' Hall, at 6.45.

The Duchess of Gloucester will open the new extension at Fairfield High School for Girls, Droylsden, at 11.20 to mark the school's bicentenary; and will open Canterbury House, offices of the charities After Adoption and Advocacy and Advocacy Services for Children, Chapel Street, Salford, at 2.30.

Appointment

Mr Christopher Battiscombe to be Ambassador to Jordan, from April 1997, in succession to Mr Peter Hinchcliffe who will be retiring.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Franz Liszt, composer, Raiding, Hungary, 1811; Sarah Bernhardt, actress, Paris, 1844.

DEATHS: Sir Cloudesley Shovell, Admiral of the Fleet, drowned off the Isles of Scilly, 1707; Thomas Sheraton, cabinet maker, London, 1806; Paul Cézanne, painter, Aix-en-Provence, 1906; Bob Fitzsimmons, world middle and heavyweight boxing champion 1891-1905, Chicago, 1917; Edward Carson, 1st Baron Carson, lawyer, (the uncrowned king of Ulster), Minster, Kent, 1935; Pablo Casals, cellist, Puerto Rico, 1973; Arnold Toynbee, historian, York, 1975; Nadia Boulanger, conductor and music teacher, 1979.

The first parachute jump was made by André-Jacques Garnerin from a balloon 6,000 ft above the Parc Monceau, Paris, 1797.

The Metropolitan Opera House opened in New York, 1883.

Baron Rogers of Riverside

The life barony conferred upon Sir Richard George Rogers has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Rogers of Riverside, of Chelsea in the Borough of Kensington anbd Chelsea.

Today's birthdays

Lord Birkett, 67; Colonel J.N. Blashford-Snell, explorer, 60; Mr W.P. Bowman, chairman, Covent Garden Market Authority, 64; Mr L.R. Carus, former Principal, Birmingham School of Music, 69; Mrs B.D. Craig, former Principal, Somerville College, Oxford, 81; Miss Catherine Deneuve, actress, 53; Professor Charlotte Erickson, American historian, 73; Colonel Sir Dennis Faulkner, 70; Major-General Lord Michael Fitzalan-Howard, Gold Stick to The Queen, 80; Miss Joan Fontaine, actress, 79; Lady (Michael) Fox, former director, British Insitute of International and Comparative Law, 68; Mr Jeff Goldblum, actor, 44; Mr Mike Hendrick, cricketer, 48; Sir Michael Heron, chairman, Post Office, 62; Miss Irene Hindmarsh, former Principal, St Aidan's College, Durham, 73; Sir Derek Jacobi, actor, 58; Mrs Doris Lessing, author, 77; Mr Christopher Lloyd, actor, 58; Sir Donald McIntyre, opera singer, 62; Mr Kelvin MacKenzie, former Editor, *The Sun*, 50; Sir James Sharples, Chief Constable, Merseyside, 53; Mr Michael Stoute, racehorse trainer, 51; Vice-Admiral Sir FitzRoy Talbot, 87; Mr A.R. Thatcher, former Registrar-General for England and Wales, 70; Admiral Sir Hugo White, 57; Admiral Sir David Williams, former Governor, Gibraltar, 75; Professor Sir David Williams, QC, former Vice-Chancellor, Cambridge University, 66; Professor John Wing, psychiatrist, 73.

ALAN WELLER

Veterans of First World War naval battles: Jack Gearing, aged 102, and George Finch, 103 tomorrow

The Navy's Grand Old Men meet again

By Michael Evans
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Grand Old Men of the Royal Navy, the last of the few survivors of the famous naval battles of the First World War, gathered in London yesterday, Trafalgar Day, for a unique get-together.

Jack Gearing, 102, the only Royal Navy survivor of the 1915 Gallipoli campaign, Alfred Hutchinson, 100, the last survivor of the raid on Zeebrugge in 1918, and George Finch, an ex-Royal Marine, 103 tomorrow, who saved his ship from a German submarine torpedo attack, were among the distinguished group who met at the Imperial War Museum.

The survivors of the great naval campaigns were so old that "Ginger" Le Breton, 89, a torpedo man and one of two veterans present from the Second World War who was too young to enlist for the 1914-18 war, had to admit:"I am a young man compared to most of these old buggers."

Mr Gearing, the oldest surviving Royal Naval rating, as well as the sole survivor of Gallipoli, set the scene for this memorable occasion when he burst into song. He used to sing to the soldiers fighting on the land during the 1914-18 War. Wearing eight medals, three from the First World War and five from the 1939-45 War, he said he served in the cruiser *HMS Theseus* at Gallipoli and helped the troops to land. His "scariest moment" was when he was acting as guard in a small boat as a diver tried to fix his ship which was in trouble. "The Turks spotted me and started to fire at me."

On one occasion Able Seaman Gearing carried up the beaches a soldier who had lost a leg and on another he had to tell a wounded soldier to stop screaming for fear of alerting the enemy. His personal motto in the war has guided him throughout his life. "I have always tried to play the game."

Mr Gearing and his fellow survivors from the 1914-18 naval campaigns gathered at the Imperial War Museum in honour of a book about the Royal Navy which details their own wartime careers (*The True Glory, The Royal Navy 1914-39* by Max Arthur, published by Hodder & Stoughton).

The oldest naval veteran, Colour Sergeant George Finch, who served in the Royal Marine Light Infantry, described how he saved his ship, *HMS Oropesa*, from a German submarine. He was later awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

He recalled: "I was the look-out man. We were going about 14 knots when I spotted the submarine's periscope. I reported to the bridge, 'Submarine off the port bow, sir'. I had a loud voice and everyone moved quickly. I saved the ship. We sank the submarine. If I hadn't shouted, we'd have had it."

Mr Finch who now lives at Pembroke House in Gillingham, Kent, in the care of the Royal Naval Benevolent Trust, said: "I'm a serviceman through and through. I was a boy bugler when I joined the Navy in 1908."

Mr Finch posed for pictures with six other First World War Navy veterans and two from the Second World War. Another 1914-18 veteran, 97-year-old Leslie Kemp, who served with the Royal Naval Air Service, turned up later.

Bill Bullen, 96, who served in the Adriatic in *HMS Gloucester* in the First World War and in *HMS Worcester* at Dunkirk in the 1939-45 war, said of his war experiences: "I wasn't torpedoed but I was bombed to hell."

Alfred Hutchinson, 100, recalled how in the raid on Zeebrugge his ship, *HMS Iris*, was hit by German shells, one of which killed the captain and the major of Marines. Another shell killed 49 Marines.

As he was: Jack Gearing ready for action in 1915

Church news

The Rev Graham Knott, Team Vicar, Newark Christ Church, Newark Team Ministry: to be Priest-in-charge, St John the Evangelist, Mansfield (Southwell).

The Rev John Martin, Team Rector, Darnall-cum-Attercliffe: to be Rector, Kirk Sandall and Edenthorpe (Sheffield).

The Rev Robert McTeer, licensed to officiate at St Helen's, Auckland (Durham): to be Priest-in-charge of the parish.

The Rev John O'Connor, Vicar, St Cuthbert, Blyth: to be Vicar, St Francis, Feniscliffe (Blackburn).

The Rev Michael Peters, Chaplain to HM Prison, Horfield (Bristol): to be *also* an Honorary Canon of Bristol Cathedral.

The Rev John Philpott, Vicar, Chilvers Coton w Astley and Rural Dean of Nuneaton (Coventry); to be *also* an Honorary Canon of Coventry Cathedral.

The Rev Christine Price, Curate, Roxeth (London): to be Curate, Costessey (Norwich).

The Rev Arthur Ranson, Vicar, St Ambrose, Leyland: to be *also* Rural Dean of Leyland (Blackburn).

The Rev Rosamund Seal, Assistant Curate (NSM), St Anne's, Grantham Team Ministry: to be Assistant Curate (stipendiary), Stamford All Saints' and St John (Lincoln).

The Rev John Shepherd, Vicar, St Peter and Paul, Mitcham: to be *also* Rural Dean of Merton (Southwark).

The Rev Robert Sloan: to be a Domestic Chaplain to The Queen.

The Rev Frank Smith, Vicar, St Peter, Henleaze: to be *also* Rural Dean of Clifton (Bristol).

Service dinners

Officers of the Royal Navy, Naples
Admiral Sir Jock Slater, First Sea Lord, was the guest of honour at a Trafalgar Night dinner held last night at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Castel Volturno, Naples, by Officers of the Royal Navy, Royal Marines and Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service serving in Naples. Vice-Admiral M.A.C. Moore presided.

HMS Victory
Admiral Sir Michael Boyce, Second Sea Lord and Commander in Chief Naval Home Command, presided and proposed the toast to *The Immortal Memory* at the Trafalgar Night dinner held on board *HMS Victory* last night in Portsmouth. The High Commissioner for Canada, the Bishop of Portsmouth, the High Sheriff of Hampshire, the Commandant of the US Marine Corps and the Air Member for Personnel were among the guests.

Dinners

Scientific Instrument Makers' Company
Mr William Lyons, Master of the Scientific Instrument Makers' Company, announced the granting of scholarships to young men and women reading instrumentation related subjects at various universities and presented the company's 1996 awards for the best Royal Engineer students at the School of Military Survey to Captain N. Sutherland, RE, and Lance Corporal S. New at an admission court dinner held last night at Scientific Instrument Makers' Hall. LOM W.J. McFarlane received an award for his efforts on behalf of the ship's company of *HMS Vigilant*.

Sir Derek Roberts, FRS, Provost of University College London, was the principal guest and speaker and Commander J.G. Tottenham, Captain of *HMS* Vigilant, proposed the toast to *The Immortal Memory* of Admiral Lord Nelson. The guests included:

The Masters and Clerks of the Spectacle Makers', Clockmakers', Launderers', Engineers' and Chartered Surveyors' Companies and Lieutenant-Colonel J.F. Prain, Chief Instructor of the School of Military Survey.

Before the dinner Mr Lyons was installed as Master, Sir Ivor Cohen as Senior Warden and Mr Brian Atherton as Junior Warden.

Naval Historians
Admiral William J. Crowe Jr., the American Ambassador, proposed the toast to *The Immortal Memory* at the annual dinner of the Naval Historians held last night at the Garrick Club to mark the Battle of Trafalgar. Mr Richard Hough was in the chair. Major-General Julian Thompson was the speaker.

Cardiff Business Club
The President of Cardiff Business Club, Sir Idwal Pugh, the Lord Lieutenant for South Glamorgan, Captain N. Lloyd Edwards, the High Sheriff of South Glamorgan, Mr R.P.V. Rees, and the Deputy Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor Max Phillips, were present at a Dinner held by the Club at the Park Hotel, Cardiff last night. The guest speaker was Mr David Rowe-Beddoe, Chairman, Welsh Development Agency. Mr Kenneth Truman, Lloyds Bank Commercial Service, presided.

1 Fountain Court, Birmingham
Mr Anthony Hughes, QC, presided at a dinner held on October 18, at Edgbaston Golf Club to celebrate several Chambers' anniversaries. Twelve of the former members now on the Bench were among those present. His Honour John Field Evans, QC, proposed the health of Chambers.

Forthcoming marriages

**Mr J. Davis
and Miss C.L. McIntyre**
The engagement is announced between Justin, only son of Mr E.W. Davis, of Chelsea, London, and Mrs J. Hamilton-Davis, of Fulham, London, and Claire, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Malcolm McIntyre, of Oxshott, Surrey.

**Mr C.S. Sanderson
and Miss K.I. Gould**
The engagement is announced between Charles Sebastian, son of Dr and Mrs Michael Sanderson, of Camden, London, and Katherine Isabella, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Gould, of Singleton, Australia.

**Mr G.P. Shields
and Miss F.E. McFadden**
The engagement is announced between Graham Paul, son of Mr and Mrs W.K. Shields, of Belfast, and Fiona Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs W.C. McFadden, of Belfast.

**Mr J. Tarttelin
and Miss L. Kallender**
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, only son of Mr John Tarttelin and Mrs Josephine Tarttelin, of Ryde, Isle of Wight, and Lydia, only daughter of Mr Brian Kallender, of Bathwick Hill, Bath, and Mrs Susan Massingham, of Whitley, Wiltshire.

Scottish Episcopal Church

Diocese of Argyll and The Isles
Mrs Barbara Morrison has been ordained priest at St Moluag's Church, Eorropaidh, Lewis, where she is serving in a non-stipendiary capacity.

James Michael Porteous has been appointed NS Priest-in-Charge at St Columba's Portree, Skye.

Diocese of Edinburgh
Duncan Ian McCosh, formerly Priest at St Mary's, Dalkeith, and St Leonard's, Lasswade, has been appointed Priest-in-Charge at Christ Church, Falkirk.

Marion Keston has been appointed Priest with the Ecumenical Team Ministry at Livingston Ecumenical Parish, with special responsibility for the Lanthorn Community Centre.

Caroline Tracey Upton has resigned as Curate of St Martin of Tours, Edinburgh.

Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway
Gregor Duthie Duncan has been appointed Dean of the diocese.

Kirstin Heather Marshall has been appointed temporary Honorary Assistant Priest at St Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow.

Michael Clancy has been issued with a Warrant to officiate in the diocese. His commission has now ceased.

Elizabeth Maura Farrow has been ordained priest at All Saints' Bearsden, where she continues as a member of the Team Ministry.

Canon Thomas Montgomery, previously Rector of St Mary's, Hamilton: Rector of St Margaret's, Newlands.

Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane
Ms Jean Margaret Harrison has been ordained priest and will continue to work at St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth, in a non-stipendiary capacity.

Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness
The Rev Roderick Shaw, Hon Assistant Priest, St John's, Rothiemurchus, and St Columba's, Grantown-on-Spey: Hon Assistant Priest, St John's, Rothiemurchus.

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BIRTHS

BIRD - On October 19th at St Thomas' Hospital, to Emma (née Knight) and Andrew, a son, Marcus Henry William.

CAMPBELL - On October 16th, to Arabella (née Hunt) and James, a son, Frederick Roger.

CULLIS - On October 18th in Edinburgh, to Sarah (née Quie) and Philip, a son, Alexander James.

FRANKLIN - Gideon and Mioko Franklin are pleased to announce the birth of a daughter, Euphemia Karin Ayako, on 17th October 1996, at Lewisham Hospital.

HARRIS - To Jerry and Michele (née Beckley), a precious daughter, Samantha Isobel born 17th October 1996 at the Mater Hospital (Sydney *NSW Australia*) weighing 3870 grams, 8lbs 8oz. A sister for our much loved Christian.

HINDLEY - On 1st October 1996, to Fiona (née Harland) and Philip, another beautiful daughter, Isabella Jane Maria, a sister for Alexandra.

HOLE - On 13th October 1996 at University Hospital, Nottingham, to Elaine and David, a son, James Alexander Armstrong.

KELLY - On October 14th 1996, in Reading, to Daniela (née Norton) and Timothy, a son, Daniel Joseph, a brother for Emilia.

LINDSAY - On October 19th, to Jo (née Shoesmith) and Robert, a daughter, Eliza Sophie Paget, a companion for Mungo.

MARSLEN - On 25th September, to Fiona (née Brooks) and Chris, a son, Max Xavier, a brother for Laura.

MORGAN - On October 18th, at home, to John and Natasha (née MacDonnell), a son, John Arthur Randal.

PLUNKETT-ERNLE-ERLE-DRAX - On October 12th, to Camilla and Charles, a son, Michael Oliver, a brother for Katharine.

SLIMMON - On October 13th, to Melanie (née Caldwell) and Richard, a son, Edmund James.

WELLS - On October 19th 1996, to Rebecca (née Freeman) and Christopher, a son, Edmund, a brother for Thomas, William and Sophia.

DEATHS

BAILEY - On Monday, 21st October after a short illness, Ken, much loved father of Kim and Moo. Family burial at Edgecote at 12 noon followed by a memorial service at St Peter's, Brackley, on Friday, 25th October at 3 pm. No flowers, please. Donations to The Bob Champion Cancer Trust, 6 Old Garden House, The Lanterns, Bridge Lane, London SW11 3AD.

DEATHS

BAMPTON - Peacefully on Sunday 20th October 1996 Nancy Margaret in her 102nd year, widow of Captain C.K. Bampton R.N. Last surviving daughter of Sir Alexander Sprot Bt, of Garnkirk and Stravithie. Funeral Service in United Free Church, Blairlogie by Stirling, on Thursday 24th October at 11.30 am and thereafter interment in Logie Cemetery at 12.15 pm approximately. Family flowers only please.

BLAKE - Peacefully at home on 18th October 1996 after a long illness bravely borne Pamela Yelverton. Dearly loved wife of Joe, devoted mother of Robert, Josephine and Susan, and adored grandmother of Christopher, William, Charles, Rebecca, James, Helen and Sophie. Funeral on Friday, 25th October at 11 am at St Michael's Church, Monkton Combe, Bath, followed by cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired for Dorothy House Foundation to Mannings, Funeral Directors, Oxford House, North Road, Combe Down, Bath BA2 5HW.

BLOOM - On 15th October 1996 peacefully at Devonshire Nursing Home, Eastbourne, Sybil Edna aged 94, beloved widow of Edward and loving sister of the late Jack and Stanley Bickley. Funeral at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Friday October 25th at 12.30 pm. Enquiries to H.D. Tribe Ltd. tel: (01903) 234516.

CASHMAN - Bernard, FRCS, on 17th October at Bedford Hospital. Much loved husband of Joyce, father of Peter and Celia. At his request, the cremation will be private. No flowers please. Donations if desired to: Bedford and District Handicapped Riders' Association, c/o Arnolds, 48 Roff Avenue, Bedford MK41 7TE. Memorial celebration to be announced later.

CORBET - On October 20th 1996 peacefully but after some brave suffering, Betty Corbet of Acton Reynald, dearly beloved wife of the late Sir John Corbet. Funeral Service on Saturday October 26th at 10 am at Moreton Corbet Church, Shropshire. Enquiries, flowers or donations (to Moreton Corbet P.C.C.) to W.R.R. Pugh & Son, tel: (01743) 344646.

DALLMEYER - Peacefully at home on Sunday 20th October 1996, James in his 90th year, of Tyninghame, Dunbar. Beloved husband of Ursula, loved father of the late Robina and of Gavin, Andrew and James and dearly loved grandfather. Funeral private. A Memorial Service to be announced later.

ELDER - Suddenly at home on 19th October, David Renwick aged 76, beloved husband of Katie and father of Renwick, Katie, John and Shirley. Funeral Service at Woking St Johns Crematorium on Monday 28th October at 1.30 pm. No flowers. Donations to Deaf Aid.

GRIFFITHS - William Greville died peacefully on Saturday 19th October 1996 in London. Funeral Service to be held at West London Crematorium, Kensal Green, W10 on Friday 25th October at 2.15 pm. All flowers and enquiries to J.H. Kenyon, tel: (0171) 937-0757. All mourners are then invited to The Kensington Close Hotel, Wrights Lane, Kensington, W8.

HONE - Elizabeth Margaret, peacefully, at Heatherwood Hospital, Ascot, on Friday 11th October. Dearly loved by Nancy, Angela, Adrian and all her family. Funeral Service 2.30 pm Monday 28th October 1996 at St Peter's, Cranbourne.

HUDSON - On 18th October 1996 Harry Laity in his sleep at Axminster Hospital Devon. Formerly of the Colonial Education Service. Lovingly remembered by his daughters and their families. Funeral Service will take place at Weymouth Crematorium on Friday 25th October at 10.30 am. Flowers or donations to the Parkinsons Disease Society c/o A.J. Wakely & Sons, 7a Silver Street, Lyme Regis, Dorset.

KIRBY - Pamela Mary, widow of Lt. Col. R.F. (John) Kirby, DSO, MBE, late of DLI; much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, after a period of mourning for John and illness extremely stoically borne, died peacefully aged 87 on 19th October 1996 at her daughter's home in Chester. Funeral at St Columba's Catholic Church, Plas Newton Lane, Chester, Monday 28th October at 1pm. Flowers, or donations to CAFOD c/o Dutton & Hallmark, 80 Faulkner Street, Hoole, Chester CH2 3BQ.

LOBBAM - John Alexander passed away peacefully at home on October 20th. Dearly loved by his family and friends, he will be missed by all who knew him. Funeral Service at St Giles Church, Lea, Malmesbury, October 24th, 2.30 pm. Family flowers only.

LOWTHER - Doreen Margaret on October 19th peacefully in the Orthopaedic Hospital, Gobowen, greatly loved by all her family. Private cremation followed by Service of Thanksgiving at St Hilary's Church, Erbistock, at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 23rd October. Family flowers only.

MORTIMER - Hilda Margaret, died peacefully on October 19th, aged 82 years. Much loved sister of Mark and James (both deceased) and aunt of James, Phillipe and Florence, all resident in France, also close friend of Bridget West. For twenty five years (1953-1978), much respected Headmistress of Ribston High School for Girls, Gloucester. The funeral service will take place at St Nicholas Church, Standish, near Stonehouse, on Tuesday 29th October, at 3 pm, followed by interment in the Churchyard. Flowers may be sent to Selim Smith & Co., 74 Prestbury Road, Cheltenham, Glos., tel: (01242) 525383.

MOWBRAY - On October 18th, 1996 Diana, widow of Sir George Mowbray. Thanksgiving Service at St John's Church, Mortimer, Berkshire, at 2.30 pm on Thursday 24th October following private burial. Donations, if desired, to St John's Church, Mortimer, c/o The Vicar.

NASH - (Nascimbene) Nina died peacefully on 17th October at the age of 82. Having spent her career in the service of the United Nations she enjoyed the friendship and affection of many persons with whom she worked, throughout the world. Cremation and a Service will take place at the St Marylebone Crematorium, East End Road, Finchley, London N2 on Thursday, 24th October at 3 pm. All enquiries to J.J. Burgess & Sons, Hatfield, tel: (01707) 262122.

NEVILE - Henry Nicholas, KCVO. Peacefully at Aubourn on Sunday 20th October. Greatly loved husband of Jean and father of Sarah, Elizabeth, Jill, Christopher and Hugh. Family funeral at St Augustine's, Wellingore, Friday 25th October at 12 noon. Memorial Service to be announced.

NYREN - On 17th October 1996 - suddenly in Guy's Hospital - Michael Vaughan, very special to all his family and friends. Service of Thanksgiving at St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst, Kent on Friday 25th October at 2.30pm. Please send donations rather than flowers to Hospice of the Weald, c/o E.R. Hickmott and Sons, 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1SD.

PRIOR - Anthony Whitlock on October 18th at St Wilfrid's Hospice, Chichester. Beloved husband of the late Anthea. Dearly loved father of David and Christine and dearly loved grandfather of Tom, Katie, Simon and Catherine. Funeral Service at St Paul's Church, Northgate, Chichester on Friday October 25th at 2 pm. Family flowers only, donations to St Wilfrid's Hospice c/o Edward White & Son, 5 South Pallant, Chichester, West Sussex.

RAIKES - Peter at home on Sunday 20th October 1996, beloved husband of Ursula, father of Maggie and Jill, father-in-law of Peter and Robert and grandfather of Simon, Rupert and Timothy. Funeral on Monday 28th October at 11 am at St Giles Church, Shipbourne, Kent, followed by a private cremation. Family flowers only. All enquiries and donations if desired for the Multiple Sclerosis Society to W & F Groombridge, 31 Quarry Hill Road, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 2RS, tel: (01732) 353964.

RAYNER - On 19th October in Sheffield George Henry Rayner L.D.S., F.D.S., R.C.S., Barrister at Law, aged 92 years. Dearly loved husband of the late Muriel, father of Lesley, father-in-law of Richard, grandfather of Edward and Robert, and son of the late George Turton Rayner, Inventor. Service at Sheffield Cathedral on Monday 28th October at 1.30 pm followed by cremation at Hutcliffe Wood Crematorium. Family flowers only please but donations for The British Red Cross may be sent to John Heath & Sons Funeral Directors, Sheffield S4 7LS.

RIDGEWAY - Peacefully on 16th October 1996 Catherine (Kathleen) aged 91 years. Beloved sister of Sarah and Mary. Catherine will be received into St Albans Roman Catholic Church, Nether Street, London N12 on 23rd October at 5.50 pm. Requiem Mass at St Albans Roman Catholic Church on Thursday 24th October at 10am followed by cremation. Flowers and enquiries to J.H. Kenyon (0181) 445-1651.

ROBINSON - Neville. Suddenly and unexpectedly in France on October 19th, aged 71. Much beloved husband of Daphne, father of Natasha, Andrew and Vicky. Funeral and memorial service to be arranged: enquiries to Reeves & Pain (01865 242529).

ROBSON - On October 16th 1996, Betty, late of Thorpeness, Suffolk.

SANCHA - Luis died peacefully at home in Ronda, Spain, on October 20th. Much loved husband of the late Jo, dear father to Joanna, Francisco, and the late Tom, grandfather to Emily, Jenny, William, Mark and Anna. Private cremation in Spain. No flowers please.

SCOTT - Fiona Mary aged 66, peacefully at King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, on Sunday 20th October 1996. Beloved wife of Donald. Much loved mother of Henrietta, Rory, Rosanna and Angus and a devoted grandmother. Thanksgiving Service at 12 noon on Monday 28th October at St. Peter ad Vincula, Wisborough Green, W. Sussex. Donations to Macmillan Service, Midhurst W. Sussex. GU29 0BL.

SMITH - F.C. Paul of Halstock, Dorset, aged 92 years. Dear husband of Dorothea, peacefully on October 20th 1996. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service Saturday 26th October 2.30pm St Mary's Church, Halstock. No flowers by request. Enquiries to Wakely Brothers, Funeral Directors, 33 Sparrow Road, Yeovil, Somerset, tel: (01935) 79913.

STEWART - Sheena Jill (née Tapp) peacefully at home after a brief illness courageously borne. Sheena Jill, wife of Major Iain Stewart and mother of Catriona, Victoria and Joanna. Family cremation at Worth followed by Memorial Service at 11 am Monday 28th October 1996 at St Nicholas Church, Godstone. Family flowers only. Donations to the Stained Glass Window Fund at St Nicholas Church.

SYMONDS - Frederick Michael peacefully at home in Llandinabo on 20th October, 1996, in his 86th year. Husband of the late Bridget. The funeral service will be held at Llandinabo Church on Wednesday, 23rd October, at 2 pm. No flowers but donations if desired to Llandinabo Church, c/o Dawe Bros, 115 Westfaling Street, Hereford.

TALLETT - On October 19th, at Albury House in her ninetieth year, Rosamond, widow of Russell, much loved mother of David and Diana and devoted grandmother of Jeremy, Tim and Sonya, Matthew, Sally and Richard. Funeral at Christ Church, Waterden Road, Guildford on Friday 25th October at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, please. Donations instead may be made to the Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial Hospice, Farnham, Surrey.

TURNER - On October 18th 1996 peacefully in Deal Hospital, Richard (Dick) aged 71 years, of Kingsdown Road, Walmer. Sadly missed by all family and friends. Funeral Service at Barham Crematorium on Monday October 28th at 11 am. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to Mountbatten Ward, Kent and Canterbury Hospital c/o J. Dilnot Smith Funeral Director, Beacon Lane, Woodnesborough, Sandwich, Kent CT13 0PD.

WARREN - On October 17th 1996 after a tragic accident, Martin Kemp, aged 34 years. Much loved husband of Sara and devoted Daddy to James and George, eldest son of Alan and Angela who will be very sadly missed by all his family and many friends. Funeral Service on Friday October 25th at St Andrew's Church, Ferring, at 2.30 pm followed by burial. Flowers, or donations, to The British Diabetic Association c/o H.D. Tribe Ltd, 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing, West Sussex. Tel: (01903) 234516.

WHATELY-SMITH - On 18th October 1996 peacefully in Ipswich Hospital, Suffolk, Peter Granville aged 83 years. Beloved husband of Dorothy, father of Sally, Anthony and Christopher and grandfather. Funeral Service at Aldeburgh Parish Church, on Friday 25th October at 1.30 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, if desired donations made payable to Tony Browns Charities Account c/o Tony Browns Funeral Service, Saxmundham, Suffolk. Donations will be divided equally between Parkinsons Disease Society (Ipswich Branch) and Friends of Aldeburgh Hospital.

WINGHAM - Ronald Victor aged 83, beloved and loving husband of "Jim", died peacefully at Whipps Cross Hospital, on 16th October. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Service at St Mary's, South Woodford, on Tuesday 29th October at 11 am. No flowers. Donations to Exhibition and Loan Fund c/o Bancrofts School, Woodford Green, Essex IG8 0RF.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

KNIPPENBERG - A Memorial Service for Susan Mary Campbell Knippenberg (née Wardlaw) is being held at St Mary's Church, Belford, Northumberland at 2.30 pm 2nd November.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

SPEDDING - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Tom Spedding will be held on Friday, November 1st 1996 in The Quire of Winchester Cathedral at 2.30 pm.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

BENJAMIN - Michael. A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Michael Benjamin will be held in the Church of the Holy Cross at Ramsbury, on Saturday, 2nd November, 1996, at 11.30 am. All of his friends will be welcome.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

VASS - Alan C. R., FRCOG. 1940 to 1995. Not a day goes by without a thought for you missed and loved by his children, Caroline, Jenny, Oliver, Alex and Maid.

VASS - Alan, father and friend you were always there for us. Oliver and Elizabeth.

WARBURTON - Always joyfully remembering our darling Minnie but especially today October 22nd the first anniversary of her death. So loving, so much loved by so many. May she rest in peace. Clifford, Marian, Christopher, Monika, Amanda and Nellie.

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ADMIRAL SIR ANTHONY GRIFFIN

Admiral Sir Anthony Griffin, GCB, Controller of the Navy, 1971-75, and chairman of British Shipbuilders, 1977-80, died on October 16 aged 75. He was born in Peshawar on November 24, 1920.

AS AN Assistant Chief of Naval Staff in the Admiralty, and subsequently as Controller, Tony Griffin played an important part in the redesign of the country's ships and weapons in the aftermath of Denis Healey's decision in 1966 not to continue with large aircraft carriers and to do away with naval fixed-wing aviation. Perhaps the most traumatic shock to the Royal Navy of the entire postwar period, this decision resulted in the resignation of the Navy Minister, Christopher Mayhew, and of the First Sea Lord, Admiral Sir David Luce.

Griffin's intellect and thoroughness made him a strong member of the Future Fleet Working Party set up by the succeeding First Sea Lord, Sir Varyl Begg. By mid-1967 this talented group produced a blueprint for a Navy shortly to be challenged by an unprecedented shift of emphasis — from the blue waters East of Suez to the grimmer business of Nato's North Atlantic maritime strategy — and which had to solve the tactical problems of lack of air cover. Their answers held good for 25 years and included the through-deck cruiser concept, afterwards the *Invincible* class of small carriers still to be seen at sea today and which, with the Sea Harrier, performed so well in the Falklands War.

Responsible as Controller of the Navy for the planning and production of ships and equipment, Griffin's tenure included the building of the Type 21 class of frigates and the introduction of the Type 42 guided missile destroyers — a fundamental move to an all-gas-turbine Navy.

He brought the first *Invincible* carrier out to cost and on time, and with Admiral Henry Leach (afterwards First Sea Lord) fought the bureaucratic battle to obtain the jump-jet Harrier for the Navy. (Both officers were determined to ensure air cover at sea: Leach's father was captain of the battleship *Prince of Wales* and Griffin's uncle was Admiral Sir Tom Phillips, both lost when the *Prince of Wales*, along with the *Repulse*, was sunk off Singapore by Japanese aircraft in 1941.)

A contemporary recalls Tony Griffin's astonishing grasp of the details of every equipment and shipbuilding project, surprising many production managers on the shopfloor.

Joining the Royal Navy in 1934, Griffin was appointed to the cruiser *Gloucester* in 1939, flagship of the East Indies squadron, with the Admiral's yellow Rolls-Royce parked between the funnels. Her war started with anti-pocket-battleship patrols off Madagascar followed by hotter action in the eastern Mediterranean, participating in the first brush with the Italian Navy off Calabria in July 1940. She later suffered a direct bomb hit on the bridge which killed the captain and several others.

After returning home for courses, Griffin was on passage to Cape Town in the *SS Britannia* when she was sunk by the German commerce raider *Thor*. With 57 survivors, including Lascars, priests and women, Griffin's lifeboat sailed for the Cape Verde Islands. After three days they were rescued by the *SS Raranga* and taken to Montevideo, Griffin then making his way back to Gibraltar and the destroyer *Fury*.

As part of the famous Force H, *Fury* saw plenty of action in the Mediterranean and Arctic. In July 1942, she escorted the notorious Convoy PQ17 to Russia which was ordered to scatter by the Admiralty under the mistaken impression that the battleship *Tirpitz* was at sea. Although 11 merchantmen reached the Kola inlet, 23 were sunk in a disaster which still underlines the risks of backseat driving, even at sea.

Fury was then dispatched to the Mediterranean to take part in Operation Pedestal, the largest and most vital Malta convoy. Making its voyage in August 1942 through continuous air and submarine attacks, the convoy suffered great losses, only five of 14 merchant ships reaching Malta, with numerous accompanying warships also sunk and damaged. Yet in a demonstration of the flexibility of seapower, in September 1942, *Fury* and some of the other vessels involved found themselves again back up north, protecting the heavily defended convoy PQ18 to Russia and back. From that time on, the German effort against these Arctic convoys would wane.

Promoted to lieutenant and mentioned in dispatches, Griffin was appointed second-in-command of the new destroyer *Talybont* operating in the Western Approaches. After qualifying as a navigator, he was briefly in the large carrier *Implacable* off Norway for her attacks on the *Tirpitz* before going to the Far East in the escort carrier *Empress*, being again mentioned in dispatches.

With a promotion to commander in 1951 and to captain in 1956, his postwar appointments included navigating the battleship *Anson*, time spent in aircraft carriers, dealing with radar research and development, and command of the support ship *Woodbridge Haven* and her attendant flock of 16 minesweepers. This was a particularly enjoyable tour, starting at Malta and finishing at Singapore, the "flock" being employed as patrol craft against Eoka around Cyprus and eventually against Indonesia's aspirations in Borneo.

Having commanded the large carrier *Ark Royal*, he was promoted rear-admiral in 1966. Two Admiralty posts were followed by second-in-command of the Far East Fleet, and as a Vice-Admiral, Flag Officer Plymouth. An economy drive required him to combine this command post with Admiral Superintendent of Plymouth dockyard: Griffin recalled doing one job in the morning and the other in the afternoon — "Sometimes I would write to myself. I was often quite rude to myself, too." His four years as Controller of the Navy ended in 1975. He had been appointed KCB in 1971 and GCB upon retirement.

His track record and qualities made him a natural choice by the Labour Government of the day to take up the chairmanship of British Shipbuilders, the new state corporation which, through public ownership, was to try to restore a competitive edge to British shipbuilding. Against a background of world overcapacity, it was likely to prove a poisoned chalice; but Griffin's sense of duty prevailed. At the end of his time in 1980, industrial disputes were the lowest on record. The subsequent Tory Government denationalised the industry.

But even after his second retirement Griffin was hardly inactive. In 1980 he won the Royal Humane Society's Award for Bravery for his attempted rescue of a drowning Jamaican in the Thames. From 1982 to 1987 he was chairman of the British Maritime League, a voluntary body which aims to remind the nation of its maritime heritage and interest. He was also vice-chairman of Wellington College for ten years and president of the Royal Institution of Naval Architects from 1981 to 1984. A man who inspired great loyalty and affection, he will be warmly remembered for his kindliness and his genuine interest in, and care for, people, great and small.

He is survived by his wife Rosemary, whom he married in 1943, and by their two sons and daughter.

BILL BEDFORD

Bill Bedford, OBE, AFC, former test pilot, died on October 20 aged 75. He was born on November 18, 1920.

UNIVERSALLY known as "Bill", Alfred William Bedford did more than any other test pilot to take postwar British military aircraft to the edges of established technology.

He developed an immediate interest in aeroplanes and, as soon as he was able, joined the RAF and flew Hurricanes, Thunderbolts and Mustangs in both Europe and the Far East between 1941 and 1945.

But it was after he had graduated from the Empire Test Pilots School in 1949 that his extraordinary aviation skills and ice-cold ability to keep calm under extreme stress were recognised and developed.

He worked on the development of the jet engine and resigned from the RAF in 1951 to concentrate on test flying for Hawker Aircraft at Dunsfold. By 1956 he was the chief test pilot and became a household name for his pioneering work in discovering the handling capabilities — and limitations — of vertical flight in what later became the Harrier.

He retired eventually as chief test pilot in 1967 but not before he had become involved in the kind of hair-raising incidents which would have left less sanguine flyers in shock.

In 1961, for example, he was doing high-speed vibration tests on a prototype P1127 vertical take-off fighter when the whole aircraft began to vibrate. He recalled that his "peace was disturbed" by the rocking, sudden engine and airframe roughness and speed loss.

He tried to land at the Royal Naval Air Station at Yeovilton in Dorset but by now his aircraft was in such poor condition that even he could no longer control it and had to resort to the newly developed ejector seat.

He remembered the cool wind on his face and the soft ploughed field under his feet as the jet smashed into a barn and caught fire. He also recalled his "muddy boots on the [CO's] thick blue carpet".

He was at his peak when the British aviation industry was the undisputed world leader, working especially closely with Sir Sydney Camm.

In 1956 he obtained special permission from the Ministry of Supply to take with him Lieutenant-General Alexei Blagoveshcensky, senior test pilot of the Soviet Air Force, on what was then regarded by many Whitehall mandarins and MPs as an "outrageous" supersonic flight over the sea in a Hunter T7 advanced trainer.

But Bill Bedford had more in common with his Cold War "foe" than with the civil servants and he explained that he had got over the conversation problems with sign language.

After his retirement he became an outspoken critic of those who interfered with the pioneering work of the industry, telling any who would listen that "new products must be backed without fear of cancellation".

He acted as British Aerospace marketing manager in the Far East before devoting himself to after-dinner speaking in constant support of British technology and pressing for additional research funding.

He also held eight glider records including, in 1950, setting the altitude record of 21,330ft as well as many individual records for powered aircraft. He won the Air Force Cross in 1945, was appointed OBE in 1951 and listed among his hobbies "practical conservation."

He is survived by his wife Mary, whom he married in 1941, and by their son.

SIR JEREMY ROWE

Sir Jeremy Rowe, CBE, industrialist, died on September 28 aged 67. He was born on October 31, 1928.

JEREMY ROWE'S long and distinguished career in industry and in the public sector reflected the turbulent changes of the Thatcher era and involved him in several controversial issues of the time. As chairman of the London Brick Company, he fought with conviction for the company's independent future against an ultimately successful takeover bid by Hanson. Among his public sector appointments he chaired an independent review of housing benefit and also chaired the Occupational Pensions Board. In 1979 he was appointed CBE for his services to industry and, in 1991, he was knighted.

Jeremy Rowe was, as he liked to put it, "born with clay on his boots". His grandfather had been a pioneer in the fletton brick industry, and Rowe, keen to follow in the family tradition, won a scholarship to train in the brick industry in America, which he took up after completing his degree in history at Trinity College, Cambridge.

Returning to England in 1952 he joined the London Brick Company, for which his grandfather had also worked. Beginning as a trainee in the marketing division, he rose steadily through the ranks and was finally appointed chairman in 1979, a post which he was to fill for five years.

A reduction in house-building during the 1970s was accompanied by a fall in demand for flettons. Rowe was at the forefront of expansion of the company overseas including the building in Tehran of the largest new brick works in the Middle East, where traditional methods of hand-moulding bricks and drying them in the sun were updated.

Back in Britain a landfill company was also formed making use of the deeply excavated fletton clay pits for the disposal of domestic waste. By the time that Rowe became chairman of this company it was already handling some 16 per cent of London's domestic refuse and, moreover, crude methane extracted from the decomposing rubbish had been found to be usable in the firing of brick kilns.

By the early 1980s the London Brick Company, under the chairmanship of Rowe, was keeping pace in a competitive market by manufacturing non-fletton bricks, but a planned merger with Ibstock Brick in 1983 went awry. Meanwhile, Hanson was secretly building up his shareholding in London Brick and by the end of the year had launched a bid for the company. The subsequent takeover and London Brick's high profile and spirited defence brought Rowe's name into national prominence.

After the takeover Rowe wanted to get out and an opportunity arose almost immediately. It was the time of Norman Fowler's reform of the social services and the Government was looking for an independent chairman for a tricky review of housing benefit. Rowe's recommendations, issued the following year, were largely adopted and included in the new Social Security Act. He was appointed CBE in 1980.

After leaving London Brick, Rowe also devoted more of his time to the Abbey National Building Society, of which he had become deputy chairman in 1978. But finding himself opposed to the conversion of the society into a public limited company in 1989, he finally resigned his position.

Rowe also served as director, and later chairman, of Peterborough Development Corporation. Under his leadership the Department of the Environment was persuaded to endorse a deal by which one of the most important "community related assets", the 1,600-acre Nene Park, was handed over in perpetuity to an independent trust endowed from the proceeds of the corporation's commercial developments and free from any risk of political interference.

But perhaps the most difficult and demanding of Rowe's public appointments was his chairmanship of the Occupational Pensions Board. In April 1988, the then Secretary of State, John Moore, asked the board to advise about the balance of interests between employers and members in occupational pension schemes and in particular the possible effect on pension schemes of mergers and takeovers.

The subsequent report, completed in only eight months, put forward a number of recommendations designed to protect employees and pensioners, all of which were accepted by the Government and included in subsequent legislation. More importantly, the board sought to ensure that future pensions were protected from the inroads of inflation. Inflation-linked pension increases should be paid not as a concession but as a right, the board argued, and the Government has now accepted this view. In 1991 Rowe's work for the Occupational Pensions Board — he was to remain its chairman until 1993 — was recognised by the conferment of a knighthood.

Jeremy Rowe is survived by his wife, Susan, and by their four daughters.

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On 26 September 1996 the above companies were placed in Members Voluntary Liquidation and Anthony John Patrick Brereton and Ian Clifford Powell of Price Waterhouse, York House, York Street, Manchester, M2 4WS, were appointed joint liquidators by the shareholders.

The joint liquidators give notice pursuant to Rule 4, 182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the companies must send details in writing of any claims against the companies to the joint liquidators at the above address by 5 November 1996 which is the last day for proving claims. The joint liquidators also give notice that they will make a final distribution to creditors and that any creditors who do not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.

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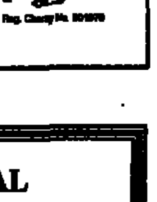

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MORRIS

Exceptional value is clearly offered in the Morris Isis Six, and the model should be well able to hold its own at home and abroad against foreign competition, for it is most fully equipped and is of full size. Two models are shown on Stand 111 — namely, a coachbuilt saloon with sliding head and a sports coupé, also with a sliding head, and both are priced £350. The coupé is a fine-looking car. It has very wide running boards and two exceptionally big doors, which give good access to the inside. The windows in these doors are divided, and two winding handles to each door are supplied. Both the saloon and the coupé have the new Eddyfree front, which not only looks smart, but also saves needless wind resistance and corresponding loss of power. There is a built-in luggage container in the back of the coupé, the upholstery is leather, and modern fittings, such as large hub wire wheels, which are certainly easier to clean than the older small hub pattern, and safety glass throughout with window louvres, are included.

The Morris Isis Six chassis has a new frame and a longer wheelbase, the measurement now being 10ft., as against 9ft. 6in. formerly, and this increase has enabled a bigger and better looking four-door body to be fitted in the case of the saloon. The model now has a twin-top, four-speed gearbox, which must be a great improvement on the ordinary three-speed box formerly fitted. The six cylinders have a piston diameter and travel of 69 and 110 mm., thus the capacity is just under 2½ litres — namely, 2,468c.c. The rated horse power is 17.5, but at 3,200 r.p.m. about 54 is stated to be given off on the brake. The engine has an air-cleaning, pre-heating, and fume-consuming head. Both valves and camshaft are overhead and the drive is at the front of the engine by double roller chain and a pair of gear wheels. The chain is automatically tensioned, and it is possible to raise the head with the valve-gear in place and without breaking the chain drive or disturbing the timing. There is forced lubrication and the crankshaft runs in four bearings. The clutch has cork inserts in the plates and runs in engine oil. Steering is by cam, the propeller-shaft is open and has metal joints, and final drive is by spiral bevel. Lockheed hydraulic four wheel brakes, and half-elliptical suspension, with hydraulic shock-absorbers, are other points to note. As I know from test, the engine runs smoothly and without fuss.

DAIMLER

A majestic-looking car is the Thirty-Five Daimler enclosed limousine, which has a Barker body to seat seven. The price of the complete car is £1,875, and of the chassis £1,050. All the Daimler models now have the Fluid Flywheel and half-automatically changing gearbox. This Thirty-Five is the biggest of the 6-cylinder chassis and corresponds with the Double Six 40/50. Except for the alteration in the transmission, the car remains substantially the same as last year. The Double-Six Thirty is shown as a sports saloon with coachwork by Arthur Mulliner, Limited, price £1,474. This chassis is listed at £900.

Business week offers design for better living

By Sally Watts

OWNER MANAGERS of new and growing businesses can learn how design should stimulate sales at a forum to be held next week.

The *Achieving Success Through Effective Design* forum will take place at Bromley on October 30.

It is one of 30 events — many for smaller enterprises — being held around Britain in the first annual Design In Business Week, running from October 28 to November 1, though there are several earlier and later events. The week has been created by the Design Council, London, in co-operation with Business Links.

Events are mainly in two categories: ways of using design for business enhancement, and some actual techniques. For example: rapid prototyping, to help product designers and manufacturing engineers to assess benefits of this new technology (Coventry, October 30); an exhibition and seminars to demonstrate prototyping in business development (Norwich, October 29); electronic retailing and the Internet (October 24), and, for the novice, using the Internet for efficient business operations (October 29), both at Dagenham, Essex.

Two Sheffield Hallam University lecturers will run seminars on a third technique, computer-aided design, at Cardiff and Welshpool, on October 29 and 30 to help smaller manufacturers who lack impartial advice. Christopher Rust, industrial design, and Ian Tranter, engineering, are experienced in helping smaller firms to implement CAD. Companies, says Mr Rust, have to be time-competitive and need an effective design process and the flexibility to produce different products for new clients. Mr Rust says that he and Mr Tranter will take "a diagnostic approach" to matters of interest to participants, and discuss the need to review operations before implementation.

Three Business Links — Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and Thames Valley — will stage an evening lecture, *Making Design Work For You* (Aylesbury, October 29). On the same evening in Leeds, small companies and designers will explore the benefits of design.

Most events are free. The Design In Business Week Hotline is on 0171-839 6288.

Focusing on the timeless appeal of classic cameras

By David Askham

CONVENTIONAL film technology sounds out of place in today's photographic world of digital imaging, yet in a modern workshop in Andover a small business is continuing to make large format mahogany, brass and leather-bellowed cameras pioneered by Louis Gandolfi more than 100 years ago.

There is a continuing worldwide demand for these classic cameras, which is why Brian Gould, of Hampshire Design, decided in 1982 to bid for the Gandolfi name. He succeeded in convincing the late Fred Gandolfi that he could muster a team of highly skilled and enthusiastic craftsmen worthy of sustaining the production of these world-famous cameras. In his final years, Fred Gandolfi passed on his unique skills to his successors, who now combine cabinet-making techniques with other modern technologies to continue production of these timeless products.

Some 14 years later Mr Gould's company is still making classic Gandolfi cameras for professional and serious amateur photographers, refined to provide even greater versatility.

Another factor in the success of the revitalised Gandolfi company was the arrival of Sir Kenneth Corfield as chairman in 1987. He not only brought business acumen, but also considerable design flair. Years ago he was a postwar pioneer of British-made Corfield cameras for the consumer market.

However, he was not content to rest on his laurels. The new company designed a range of large-format cameras — known as the Variant — utilising modern materials and construction techniques. These cameras find favour with photographers who appreciate their precision and value for money. They are also unique in that they can be adapted quickly to accommodate three film sizes.

DAVID ASKHAM

Brian Gould, managing director, left, and Eddie Hill with a range of their Gandolfi and Corfield cameras

Cameras made by Gandolfi range in price from £797 to £3,000. Lenses are extra. A comprehensive range of ancillary equipment is also made or supplied.

In 1990 Gandolfi Cameras moved to new premises in Andover and also changed its manufacturing policy. More work was subcontracted, leaving the company free to concentrate on design, development, final assembly, calibration and marketing. They also departed from traditional direct selling and established a series of agencies worldwide to extend the markets for Gandolfi cameras.

In addition to bespoke camera-making, cameras are now made for stock by dealers around the world, with 40 per cent of production going into Europe, 40 per cent to the US, 10 per cent to Japan and 10 per cent for the UK.

Mr Gould says: "We operate in a very competitive global market of which we have a very satisfying share. Specialisation and limited diversity help us to exploit our unique niche market. Gandolfi cameras have been made continuously since the 1880s. They have remained popular because they are traditionally rugged and reliable and appeal to medical, advertising, landscape and architectural photographers.

"An amazing number of people respect the long-established Gandolfi name and products. We even see descendants of customers who bought Gandolfi cameras three generations ago bringing back their old inherited cameras for rebuilding."

Brian Gould is on 01264 357859.

Heseltine promises to streamline state aid for small businesses

By David Fanning

MORE coherent and simplified business support programmes have been promised by Michael Heseltine.

Launching the results of the Government's four-month consultation on improvements to DTI help for businesses, particularly small firms, the Deputy Prime Minister told the House of Commons: "We are committed to making government-funded support as customer-focused as possible."

In a significant change of policy, the Government is to move away from centrally designed and administered schemes, which businesses say are too complex and distant from their own individual needs.

Instead, business support from six or more government departments will be channelled through a maximum of 25 programmes, as against the present 140 schemes. More particularly, 15 or so of the new programmes will be tailored specifically for smaller firms.

Local business groups and trade associations are promised more say in the design and provision of business support arrangements.

The DTI has also announced new funding initiatives for local and sectorial business support, which Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, has said are intended to improve business competitiveness.

"The local challenge will build on Business Link partnerships," he said. The intention is to help those Business Link partnerships to design and deliver high-quality business support, particularly to smaller firms.

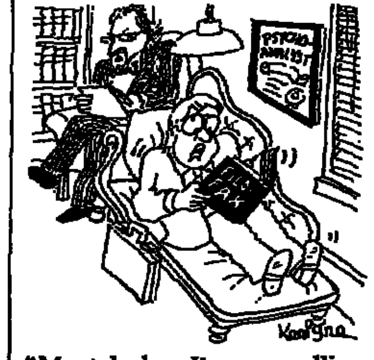
Mr Lang added that sectorial challenge funds would assist projects in whole industries, from advanced robotics to textiles.

The money available to bidders in the first round of challengers will not be known until after next month's Budget. The Government has indicated that it intends to make available around £20 million a year initially, building up to around £40 million a year.

Four avenues of support have been identified by the DTI: helping businesses to develop employees' skills and creativity; promoting commercial exploitation of technology and know-how; improving market information gathering and supplier and customer networks; and easing access to sources of capital and working funds.

☐ The Government's response to the consultation process and the local and sectorial challenge guidelines are free from the Challenge helpline: 0171 510 0142.

Heseltine: customised support



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☐ Midland Bank is offering up to 18 months of free banking to small business start-ups by its existing personal account holders as part of a revamping of its business banking. Firms are able to claim a 0.5 per cent discount on small business loans and overdrafts linked to Midland Bank insurance.

☐ A Japanese senior trade adviser, Dr Keiichiro Komatsu, has joined the Department of Trade and Industry's Exports to Japan unit on secondment from the Japan External Trade Organisation. The Exports to Japan Unit is on 0171 215 4913.

☐ A series of articles designed to help business angels and companies seeking finance have been reprinted by the Local Investment Networking Company. Topics include the valuing of a businesses, due diligence, heads of agreement and preference shares. Midland Bank has paid for the reprint and copies are available free by calling 0345 180180.

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Judicial notice of council breaches

Hackney London Borough Council v Mullen

Before Lord Justice Waite, Lord Justice Saville and Lord Justice Otton

[Judgment October 18]

A county court could take judicial notice of previous breaches of undertakings to it by a local authority when imposing a penalty for such a breach.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment when dismissing an appeal by Hackney London Borough Council from an order of Judge Graham, QC, in Shoreditch County Court, imposing a fine of £5,000 on the council for breach of an undertaking given in an action by the plaintiff, Maureen Mullen.

Mr Ranjit Bhose for the council; the plaintiff did not appear and was not represented.

LORD JUSTICE OTTON said that the council appealed from an order of Judge Graham, QC, whereby he ordered the council to pay a fine of £5,000 in respect of a breach of an undertaking given to the court.

The undertaking was given on July 24, 1994 on behalf of the council to Judge Hordern at Central London County Court to carry out specified works of repair to a property at Dynevor Road, Stoke Newington, London, such works to be commenced on or before December 1, 1994 and completed before March 31, 1995.

Those works were not carried out or even started within the specified dates, and had still not been commenced in March 1996 when the matter came before Judge Graham. The case had arisen from a claim by the plaintiff, a secure tenant, for compensation for breach of a repairing covenant and for a mandatory order to carry out remedial work. At the first hearing before Judge Hordern a consent order was made which contained the undertaking.

When considering the appropriate penalty, Judge Graham said that the case was one of numerous examples of the failure on the part of the council to take with sufficient seriousness promises which were made to the court. The time had now arrived, he continued, when the council had to be reminded of the seriousness of promises made to the court. The judge accordingly imposed the fine of £5,000.

The central question in the appeal was whether the court, when considering the penalty, was entitled to take into consideration other previous breaches in other cases. In order to answer that question it was necessary to look at the nature and scope of judicial notice.

It was well established that courts might take judicial notice of various matters when they were so notorious, or clearly established, or susceptible of demonstration by reference to a readily obtainable and authoritative source that evidence of their existence was unnecessary. Generally, matters directed by statute, or which had been so noticed by the well established practice or precedence of the court, had to be recognised by the judges, but beyond that, they had a wide discretion and might notice much which they could not be required to notice.

County courts fell within the scope of the rule relating to courts which had been held to be local courts, and thus courts whose members were not merely permitted to use their local knowledge, but who were regarded as fulfilling a constitutional function if they did so.

His Lordship was satisfied that the judge was entitled to take judicial notice of his special or local knowledge of how the council had conducted itself in relation to undertakings given to the court in similar cases.

The judge's first task was to determine whether the matters, namely, the conduct, were notorious or clearly established. By implication the judge decided that they were.

Even if they could not be so categorised they were clearly susceptible of demonstration by reference to a readily obtainable or authoritative source, namely, the court records of those occasions where the council had given undertakings and had been brought back at the behest of an aggrieved plaintiff.

The judge would have known from his own experience, or from the records at Shoreditch and Central London County Courts, of those occasions where breaches had been proved against or admitted by the council and where the court had been asked by either party or both parties not to give a ruling as a term of the settlement to the satisfaction of the plaintiff.

Counsel realistically acknowledged that if it was permissible to take notice he could not maintain that the fine of £5,000 was manifestly excessive. His Lordship would dismiss the appeal.

Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Saville agreed.

Solicitors: Mr Christopher Hinde, Hackney.

Cross-examination on affidavit of assets

ong Line Ltd of Korea v dsburg Investments Cor- ation of Liberia and ers

e Lord Justice Kennedy and Justice Phillips

gment October 17]

court could properly order a dant subject to a Mareva -freezing) injunction to sub- to cross-examination on his vit of assets where it was just and convenient to do so. an order would, however, be xceptional measure, which not become a routine feature areva proceedings.

was undesirable that a plain- should be able to extract erial by such cross-examina- on which to build his sub- tive case for trial; the Rules of Supreme Court could, how- r, enable the court to prevent h an abuse.

The Court of Appeal so stated, dismissing appeals by the third defendant, Dimitrios Yamvrias, (i) from Mr Justice Clarke who had ordered him to be cross-examined on his discovery affidavits sworn following the grant of a Mareva injunction against him and (ii) from Mr Justice Longmore who, in the context of his duty of controlling the ambit and conduct of the cross-examination, had permitted it to encroach on substantive issues in the litigation between the parties.

Mr M. David Allen and Mr Richard Waller for Mr Yamvrias; Mr David Joseph for the plaintiffs.

LORD JUSTICE PHILLIPS rejected Mr Allen's submission that the court had no jurisdiction to order a Mareva defendant to submit to cross-examination on a disclosure affidavit, or that even if such jurisdiction existed it would inevitably be wrong in principle to exercise it. The issue was covered by authority: see *A. J. Bekhor & Co Ltd v Bilton* ([1981] QB 923) and *House of Spring Gardens Ltd v Waite* ([1985] FSR 173).

The passage from Mr Justice Scott's judgment in *Bayer AG v Winter (No 2)* ([1986] 1 WLR 540, 543) on which Mr Allen had relied, did not provide any foundation for his submission as to jurisdiction.

Rejecting Mr Allen's argument that cross-examination should never be ordered unless it was the only means available of ensuring that the Mareva was effective, his Lordship said that the test was simply whether in all the circumstances it was both just and convenient to make the order.

In applying that test the court would have regard to the fact that it was a considerable imposition to subject a defendant to cross-examination, and would consider carefully whether there were not alternative measures of achieving the same end that were less burdensome.

The court had to weigh the various options in order to decide which best met the dual requirements of justice and convenience. He would endorse the comments made by Lord Justice Stephenson in the *House of Spring Gardens* case (at p183) but would emphasise that an order for cross-examination was an exceptional measure. There could be no question of such orders becoming a routine feature of Mareva proceedings.

Mr Allen had submitted that it was wrong in principle to order cross-examination on a Mareva discovery affidavit in respect of matters relevant to the substantive issues in the action.

In his Lordship's judgment it was undesirable that a plaintiff should be able in Mareva proceedings to extract by cross-examination under the court's order material on which to build his case for the substantive hearing.

He could envisage circumstances where, if that were the price to be paid for an effective Mareva injunction, it would nonetheless be a price worth paying in the interests of justice.

But the court had to be astute to guard against abuse of the Mareva process by plaintiffs who were using it in an attempt to discover facts which would assist them in the action. The fact that such cross-examination would relate to matters relevant to the substantive issues was a matter to which the judge should have regard when considering whether to permit the process.

However Order 29, rule 1A(1), (3) provided a valuable safeguard against such abuse. It would seem to be tailor-made to deal with the point. If such cross-examination disclosed information which was relevant in the substantive action, the court had jurisdiction to prevent consequent injustice by dismissing an application to make use of it at the trial.

Without meaning to suggest that such a reaction would always be appropriate, his Lordship considered that the rule made it impossible for Mr Allen's submission to succeed. He would dismiss the appeals.

Lord Justice Kennedy agreed.

Solicitors: Hewett & Co; Ince & Co.

Correction

In *R v Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority, Ex parte Blood* (*The Times* October 18) the solicitors for Mrs Blood were Leigh Day & Co.

In *West Midlands Probation Committee v Secretary of State for the Environment* (*The Times* October 18) Mr Rabinder Singh appeared as junior to Mr W. Robert Griffiths, QC, for the applicant.

Disclosing care evidence to police

In re C (a Minor) (Care proceedings: Disclosure)

Before Lord Justice Rose, Lord Justice Henry and Lord Justice Swinton Thomas

[Judgment July 31]

Where a father, in care proceedings in chambers, admitted throwing his infant daughter against a settee, resulting in injuries which caused her death, a judge had correctly exercised his discretion in causing disclosure of that information to the police and later, on application, of the medical evidence. However, on the facts, he was wrong in refusing to order disclosure of the statements and evidence of the parents and such part of the evidence and judgment as related to the injuries sustained by the child and the causation thereof.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council, with West Midlands Police Authority intervening, to vary an order made by Mr Justice Wall on May 8, 1966. The variation sought was to allow the inclusion in the order of the statements of Mr and Mrs C dated July 12, 1995, such parts of the transcript and judgment as related to the injuries sustained by S C and the causation thereof, including all the evidence given by Mr and Mrs C.

Section 98 of the Children Act 1989 provides: "(1) In any proceedings in which a court is hearing an application for an order under part IV or V, no person shall be excused from — (a) giving evidence on any matter; or (b) answering any question put to him in the course of his giving evidence, on the ground that doing so might incriminate him or his spouse of an offence.

"(2) A statement of admission made in such proceedings shall not be admissible in evidence against the person making it or his spouse in proceedings for an offence other than perjury."

Miss Estella Hindley, QC and Mr Christopher Adams for West Midlands Police Authority; Mr David Hershman for Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council; Miss Judith Parker, QC and Miss Deborah Eaton for Mr and Mrs C; Miss Sybil Thomas for the guardian ad litem; Mr Robin Spon-Smith as amicus curiae.

LORD JUSTICE SWINTON THOMAS said that a child, S C, was born in November 1994 and died in January 1995. Her parents were Mr and Mrs C. The police were aware that S C had sustained serious injuries prior to her death. The parents had another child, C, and the local authority applied for a care order under section 31(2) of the 1989 Act in respect of her.

The parents opposed the order. In the course of the hearing the father admitted that he had thrown S C against a settee, resulting in the injuries which caused her death. With the leave of the judge the local authority wrote to the police informing them of that fact.

The judge later ordered disclosure of various documents to the police but refused leave to disclose the statements made by the parents or those parts of the transcript and judgment relating to the injuries sustained by S C, including the evidence of the mother and father and other members of the family.

Miss Parker submitted that policy considerations relating to the encouragement of cooperation between various responsible bodies and the parties in cases concerning children were so strong and so important that the judge should not have ordered any disclosure.

She emphasised that the parents participated in the preparation of a questionnaire for the assistance of the medical experts. She said that the police were at liberty to re-interview the medical experts.

Above all, she emphasised the strong public interest in encouraging frankness in children cases in the Family Division and that that concept underpinned the provisions of section 98.

There had been a number of cases in which the principles governing disclosure of documents for the purpose of the investigation of criminal offences had been considered, but there was no direct authority on the principles to be applied where the material the police wished to obtain was covered by section 98(2).

Prior to the hearing of the care proceedings there were five members of S C's family who fell under suspicion of having caused her injuries. The judge warned each of them: "Before you give evidence I have to tell you ... that anything you say ... cannot be used in any criminal trial against you which relates to the death of S C."

That statement by the judge was somewhat wider than the words of section 98 envisaged. The judge did not tell any witness that the evidence given by that witness would remain confidential.

Miss Parker submitted that the phraseology of section 98, namely "a statement shall not be admissible in evidence against the person making it in proceedings for an offence" covered a police investigation into a suspected offence.

In his Lordship's judgment the use of the words "proceedings" and "evidence" clearly indicated that the section encompassed court proceedings and evidence given in those proceedings and not a police inquiry into the commission of an offence. The father admitted that he had caused unlawfully caused the death of S C. It was true that C had already been placed in care and that any other child the parents have would probably also be placed in care.

None the less, if the father was guilty of the unlawful killing of a child, then C's best interests and the best interests of other children were served by him being prosecuted and convicted and punished. No benefit would accrue to C and other children as a result of the evidence not being disclosed and she would be caused no harm by disclosure.

If the admission was true that was a grave crime involving the killing of a young child. In those circumstances, the public interest in the administration of justice, by proper investigation and the prosecution of a crime of such gravity were weighty factors indeed favouring disclosure.

The judge had directed himself fully and correctly as to the law. However, his Lordship parted company with him in relation to the statements of Mr and Mrs C and such parts of the evidence and judgment as related to the injuries sustained by S C and the causation thereof, including the evidence given by the parents. That was a grave allegation indeed.

On the facts of the case the judge was wrong to hold that the public interest in encouraging frankness predominated over the other factors. To an extent, although it might not be of first importance, his Lordship placed emphasis on the protection of C and other children.

The disclosure that had already taken place was also important. In this case it was of prime importance that there should be a full and proper investigation of the killing, with the authorities armed with full and accurate information.

Balancing all those factors, the judge clearly ought to have ordered disclosure of the statements and the evidence of the parents and other members of the family to the police.

Lord Justice Henry and Lord Justice Rose agreed.

Solicitors: Mr John Kilbey, Birmingham; Mr Michael Blamire-Brown, Solihull; Brendan Fleming, Birmingham; Anthony Collins, Birmingham; Official Solicitor.

Sentencing sex offenders

Regina v Hodgeon

Before Lord Bingham of Cornhill, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Blofeld and Mr Justice Cresswell

[Judgment October 17]

Section 44 of the Criminal Justice Act 1991, with its additional control over sexual offenders, was commended by Lord Bingham of Cornhill, Lord Chief Justice, to judges passing sentence in appropriate cases where the whole or part of the sentence was imposed in respect of a sexual offence.

His Lordship was delivering the judgment of the court on a reference by the Attorney-General in respect of a seven-year prison sentence imposed by Judge Lockett at Preston Crown Court on Robert Christopher Hodgeon, aged 43, on his pleading guilty to one count of burglary with intent to rape in April 1995. He had a long record of offending, including convictions for burglary, indecent assault and, in 1987, rape, for which he had been sentenced to life imprisonment. He had been released on January 6, 1995.

Mr Nicholas Hilliard for the Attorney-General; Mr Thomas Eaton for the offender.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that, having reviewed the offender's record and the relevant authorities, their Lordships were of the opinion that the seven-year sentence was unduly lenient and would be substituted by one of 12 years, which was proper.

Section 44 of the 1991 Act gave the court additional control over an offender in relation to whom an order under it was made. It affected both the period which the offender would serve if recalled to prison after release on licence and the period for which he would continue to be supervised after release on licence.

In making such an order the primary considerations to be borne in mind were the need to protect the public from serious harm from offenders and the desirability of preventing the commission by them of further offences and securing their rehabilitation.

The trial judge had made such an order and, by making it, it was apparent that he had appreciated the importance of the factors which led their Lordships to impose the sentence that they had. Although their Lordships had differed from him as to the length of sentence, they wished to take the opportunity of drawing attention to section 44 of the 1991 Act, commending it to those passing sentence in appropriate cases.

The present was, in their Lordships' judgment, an entirely appropriate case and the section was one which, at least in some parts of the country, was perhaps too little used. Their Lordships affirmed the order made under section 44 of the 1991 Act, although from now on it applied to the different and longer sentence they had imposed.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Headquarters; Jacobs & Co, Ellesmere Port.

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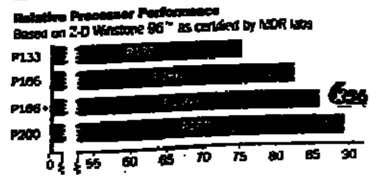

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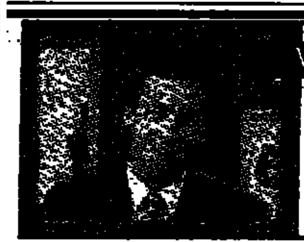

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Full backs
L Dixon (Arsenal)
J Dodd (Southampton)

Central defenders
S Campbell (Tottenham)
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Midfield players
R Di Matteo (Chelsea)
G Donis (Blackburn)
B Laudrup (Rangers)
A Thom (Celtic)

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Scores goal	3pts	All players	
Saves penalty	1pt	Appearance†	1pt
Full back/Central defender		Scores hat-trick	6pts
Keeps clean sheet*	3pts	Manager	
Scores goal	3pts	Team wins	3pts
Midfield player		Team draws	1pt
Keeps clean sheet*	1pt		
Scores goal	2pts		

POINTS DEDUCTED

Goalkeeper		Booked	1pt
Concedes goal	2pts	Concedes penalty	1pt
Full back/Central defender		Misses penalty	1pt
Concedes goal	1pt	Scores own goal	1pt
All players		Manager	
Sent off	3pts	Team loses	1pt

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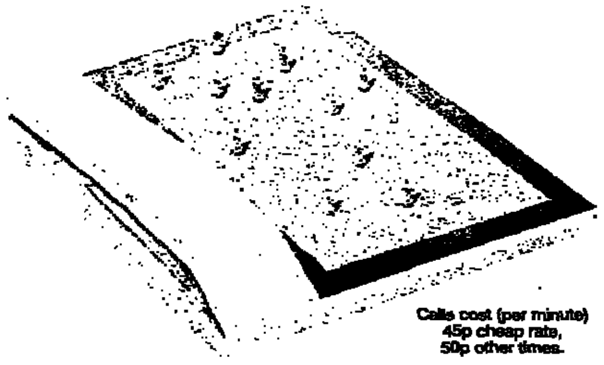
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Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pts
1	NST Monkstone	(J Staszkiewicz)	206
2	Skyforest	(A Burton)	202
3	Sophie And Sam	(G Foster)	198
4	Gangsters	(A Lone)	197
5	John Hunt Taunton D	(J Hunt)	195
6=	John Hunt Taunton H	(J Hunt)	192
6=	John Hunt Taunton F	(J Hunt)	192
8	Noah's Ark	(G P Dolan)	191
9	1st Eleft	(K J Burns)	190
10=	Riggy's Roarers	(A Rigg)	189
10=	Scholef For Goals	(K Booth)	189
10=	Brain's Team	(B Howes)	189
13=	John Hunt Taunton E	(J Hunt)	188
13=	Dour Rangers 3	(I Clayton)	188
13=	Nomads	(N Broom)	188
16	Lesley's Legmen	(L Michaelis)	187
17=	Jones Boys Three	(M Jones)	186
17=	Purple Rain	(B Gohil)	186
17=	Plastic Fitters 10	(T Feehily)	186
20=	Nobby 33	(J Brown)	185
20=	Tulip's Tops	(D Tulip)	185
22	Mean Machine	(P Ford)	184
23	Beeston Celtic	(Barry Mcgivern)	183
24	Sky Times III	(L McCullough)	182
25=	Nobby	(J Brown)	181
25=	AB 4	(A Boyland)	181
25=	Pin Ups Two	(P Tusler)	181
25=	Hopeful Hotshots	(H Rimmer)	181
29=	Daggers	(V Cox)	180
29=	Ravioli On Toast	(N Bowles)	180
29=	JS August Monthly 1	(J Swirles)	180
29=	Jones Boys 8	(M Jones)	180
33=	Dynamo Hibs	(S Miller)	179
33=	ST Utd	(M O'Brien)	179
33=	Storm	(P Mills)	179
33=	Jane's Giants	(J Longton)	179
37=	PJ Thistle	(R Newbould)	178
37=	Athletico Storm	(P Mills)	178
37=	Insomniacs	(L A Tomlinson)	178
37=	Roisins Raiders	(P M Handley)	178
37=	Bumbles XI	(S Jones)	178
42=	United In Footy	(O Atton)	177
42=	Fortuna Sandwich	(A J Finkel)	177
42=	Over The Moon FC	(I Roscall)	177
42=	Aldecurcic Villa	(M Jukes)	177
42=	The Red Devils	(K Booth)	177
42=	Raj Is Back To Kill	(R Gohil)	177
42=	Thom Foolery FC	(M Horan)	177
49=	Nobby 5	(J Brown)	176
49=	Airstir	(I Fyfe)	176
49=	Orvieto Classico	(J Bradshaw)	176
49=	Clover Vale	(N Ensingh)	176
49=	Toto Calcio	(A Daye)	176
54=	Expensive Failures	(S Harper)	175
54=	Beyond Fault	(P Foster)	175
54=	PJB Rovers	(P J Butler)	175
54=	Kanfer's Cronies	(E D Kanfer)	175
54=	Arrogant FC	(F K Taylor)	175
59=	I	(M Corless)	174
59=	John Hunt Taunton G	(J Hunt)	174
59=	Polly's Pride	(P Smiley)	174
59=	The Space Cowboys	(T Butler)	174
59=	It's About Revenge C	(R Gohil)	174
59=	Set Against Cys	(S Shipley)	174
59=	Claremont Loyal	(B Fox)	174
59=	JS August Monthly 2	(J Swirles)	174
59=	Le Boeufeaters	(J Roebuck)	174
59=	Flying Foreigners	(D Thomas)	174
69=	Where's Ray Gone?	(P Fromm)	173
69=	Burch Girls	(M Burch)	173
69=	A2	(K Farhall)	173
69=	Hull Red Devils	(G Foster)	173
69=	Former Champions	(A Murhabin)	173
69=	AC Fantasy FC	(M Skippen)	173
69=	Redknapp's Rovers	(B Emson)	173
69=	Cool Side Bums	(M Roper)	173
69=	Rod's Rovers	(B Roddam)	173
69=	Better Than Town	(M Emons)	173
69=	Les Lads	(M Hetherington)	173
80=	Tur	(P Turner)	172
80=	D & A Warriors	(A Summers)	172
80=	Do I Not Like Man Utd	(C D Woodward)	172
80=	Eltell's Pompey Army	(M Ship)	172
80=	Gianluca At Me	(P Naylor)	172
80=	Motley Town	(K McGuire)	172
80=	Erevenge On Judus F	(N Hir)	172
80=	Raj Is Back To Kill	(R Gohil)	172
80=	Le Boeuf And 2 Veg	(M Sawley)	172
89=	Wol's Wonders	(J Willis)	171
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172=	Beyond Care	(P Foster)	165
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172=	Soccer Superstars	(J McCallion)	165
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Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts	
				Wk	Ov
10101	M Watt	Aberdeen	1.50	0	-3
10102	N Walker	Aberdeen	1.00	-3	+2
10201	D Seaman	Arsenal	5.00	+5	+26
10202	V Bartram	Arsenal	0.75	0	0
10203	J Lukic	Arsenal	0.75	0	-8
10301	M Bosnich	Aston Villa	3.50	+5	+3
10302	M Oakes	Aston Villa	1.00	0	+6
10401	T Flowers	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	-1	-14
10402	S Given	Blackburn Rovers	2.00	0	0
10501	G Marshall	Celtic	3.50	0	-1
10601	D Kharine	Chelsea	2.50	0	+10
10602	K Hitchcock	Chelsea	2.00	-7	-18
10701	S Ogrizovic	Coventry City	1.50	+5	-11
10702	J Filan	Coventry City	0.50	0	0
10801	M Taylor	Derby County	1.00	0	0
10802	R Hoult	Derby County	1.00	-1	-6
10901	A Maxwell	Dundee United	0.50	-1	-1
10902	L Key	Dundee United	0.50	0	0
11001	I Westwater	Dunfermline	0.50	0	-18
11101	N Southall	Everton	2.50	0	-1
11102	J Kearton	Everton	0.50	0	0
11103	P Gerrard	Everton	2.50	0	0
11201	G Rousset	Hearts	2.00	-3	-20
11301	J Leighton	Hibernian	1.50	-3	+3
11401	D Lekovic	Kilmarnock	1.00	-1	-22
11501	M Beeney	Leeds United	1.50	0	0
11502	P Evans	Leeds United	0.25	0	0
11503	N Martyn	Leeds United	2.50	-3	-8
11601	K Poole	Leicester City	1.00	0	0
11603	K Keller	Leicester City	1.00	-1	-9
11701	D James	Liverpool	5.00	0	+11
11702	A Warner	Liverpool	0.50	0	0
11801	P Schmeichel	Manchester United	5.00	-10	+1
11802	R van der Gouw	Manchester United	1.00	0	+5
11901	G Walsh	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	0
11902	A Miller	Middlesbrough	1.50	-9	-23
12001	S Howie	Motherwell	1.50	-1	+3
12101	S Hislop	Newcastle United	4.00	0	-3
12102	P Srnicek	Newcastle United	3.00	+5	+9
12201	M Crossley	Nottingham Forest	2.50	-2	-17
12202	A Fettis	Nottingham Forest	0.75	0	0
12203	T Wright	Nottingham Forest	0.75	0	0
12301	S Thomson	Raith Rovers	0.50	0	-20
12401	A Goram	Rangers	5.00	0	+13
12501	K Pressman	Sheffield Wednesday	2.00	-1	-13
12601	D Beasant	Southampton	1.00	+5	-5
12602	N Moss	Southampton	0.25	0	+2
12702	L Perez	Sunderland	0.50	-5	-5
11803	A Coton	Sunderland	1.00	-3	+9
12801	I Walker	Tottenham Hotspur	3.50	+5	+15
12901	L Miklosko	West Ham United	2.00	+5	-11
12902	S Mautone	West Ham United	0.50	0	+5
13001	N Sullivan	Wimbledon	1.00	-3	+5
13002	P Heald	Wimbledon	1.00	0	0

FULL BACKS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts	
				Wk	Ov
20101	S McKimmie	Aberdeen	2.00	-1	+6
20201	L Dixon	Arsenal	3.00	+4	+15
20202	N Winterburn	Arsenal	3.00	+4	+16
20203	S Morrow	Arsenal	1.00	0	+4
20301	S Staunton	Aston Villa	3.00	0	+10
20302	A Wright	Aston Villa	3.00	+4	+15
20303	G Charles	Aston Villa	2.50	0	0
20304	P King	Aston Villa	0.25	0	0
20305	F Nelson	Aston Villa	3.00	+4	+9
20401	H Berg	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	0	-6
20402	G Le Saux	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	0	0
20403	J Kenna	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	0	-5
20404	G Croft	Blackburn Rovers	1.50	0	+3
20501	J McNamara	Celtic	3.00	-1	+2
20502	T McKinlay	Celtic	3.00	0	+1
20601	D Petrescu	Chelsea	3.00	-3	+7
20602	S Clarke	Chelsea	2.00	-3	+4
20603	T Phelan	Chelsea	2.00	0	0
20604	S Minto	Chelsea	1.00	+2	+5
20701	D Burrows	Coventry City	1.50	0	-6
20703	B Borrows	Coventry City	1.00	0	-2
20704	M Hall	Coventry City	1.00	0	+4
20705	R Genaux	Coventry City	1.50	0	-2
20801	C Powell	Derby County	1.50	0	+3
20802	D Yates	Derby County	1.00	0	-2
20803	J Kavanagh	Derby County	0.25	0	0
20804	P Parker	Derby County	1.00	0	+4
20901	M Malpas	Dundee United	1.00	0	+8
20902	M Perry	Dundee United	0.50	0	+2
20903	N Duffy	Dundee United	0.50	0	0
21001	C Miller	Dunfermline	0.25	0	-6
21002	A Tod	Dunfermline	0.25	+3	-4
21101	M Hottiger	Everton	2.50	0	0
21102	A Hinchcliffe	Everton	2.00	0	+4
21103	E Barrett	Everton	1.50	0	+7
21104	M Jackson	Everton	1.00	0	0
21201	G Locke	Hearts	2.00	0	0
21202	N Pointon	Hearts	1.00	-1	-7
21301	W Miller	Hibernian	1.00	0	+9
21302	A Dow	Hibernian	1.00	0	+9
21402	G MacPherson	Kilmarnock	0.50	-1	-7
21501	G Kelly	Leeds United	3.00	-1	-1
21502	A Dorigo	Leeds United	2.50	0	-1
21503	P Beesley	Leeds United	0.50	-1	-1
21601	M Whitlow	Leicester City	0.50	-1	+5
21602	S Grayson	Leicester City	0.50	0	+4
21603	N Lewis	Leicester City	0.50	0	0
21604	F Rolling	Leicester City	0.25	0	0
21701	R Jones	Liverpool	3.00	0	0
21702	S Harkness	Liverpool	1.50	0	0
21703	S I Bjornebye	Liverpool	0.50	0	+16
21704	P Charnock	Liverpool	0.25	0	0
21801	D Irwin	Manchester United	4.00	-4	+17
21802	G Neville	Manchester United	3.00	-4	+11
21803	P Neville	Manchester United	3.00	0	+3
21901	N Cox	Middlesbrough	2.50	-4	-5
21902	Branco	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	-3
21903	C Morris	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	0
21904	C Fleming	Middlesbrough	0.75	-3	-7
21905	C Blackmore	Middlesbrough	0.25	0	0
22002	S McMillan	Motherwell	0.50	0	+2
22101	W Barton	Newcastle United	3.00	0	0
22102	S Watson	Newcastle United	3.00	+4	+10
22103	R Elliott	Newcastle United	2.50	0	+1
22104	J Beresford	Newcastle United	2.50	+4	+8
22201	S Pearce	Nottingham Forest	4.00	+1	0
22202	D Lyttle	Nottingham Forest	2.00	-1	-5
22203	A I Haaland	Nottingham Forest	1.00	0	+3
22204	N Jerkan	Nottingham Forest	2.00	0	+1
22301	P Bonar	Raith Rovers	0.75	0	-7
22302	D Kirkwood	Raith Rovers	0.50	0	-5
22401	D Robertson	Rangers	2.50	0	0
22402	J Brown	Rangers	2.00	0	0
22501	I Nolan	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	0
22502	P Atherton	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	+4
22503	S Nicol	Sheffield Wednesday	1.00	0	-5
22504	D Stefanovic	Sheffield Wednesday	1.00	0	+2
22505	L Briscoe	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	0	0
22601	J Dodd	Southampton	1.50	+7	+6
22602	F Benali	Southampton	0.75	0	-6
22603	S Charlton	Southampton	0.75	+4	+5
22701	D Kubicki	Sunderland	0.50	-1	+8
22702	M Scott	Sunderland	0.50	-2	+11
22703	G Hall	Sunderland	0.25	-4	-2
22801	D Austin	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	0	0
22802	C Wilson	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	+4	+17
22803	J Edinburgh	Tottenham Hotspur	1.00	+3	+12
22804	D Kerslake	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0	0
22901	J Dicks	West Ham United	4.00	+3	+8
22902	T Breacker	West Ham United	1.00	0	-1
22903	K Rowland	West Ham United	1.00	0	-3
22904	M Bowen	West Ham United	1.00	+1	+5
22905	K Brown	West Ham United	0.50	0	0
23001	B Thatcher	Wimbledon	1.50	0	+6
23002	A Kimble	Wimbledon	0.75	-1	+2
23003	K Cunningham	Wimbledon	0.75	-2	+8
23004	D Jupp	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
23006	C Perry	Wimbledon	0.25	-1	+11

CENTRAL DEFENDERS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts	
				Wk	Ov
30101	B Irvine	Aberdeen	2.00	+2	+4
30102	C Woodthorpe	Aberdeen	1.50	0	-2
30201	A Adams	Arsenal	4.00	+4	+12
30202	S Bould	Arsenal	3.00	+4	+19
30203	M Keown	Arsenal	3.00	+3	+19
30204	A Linighan	Arsenal	1.00	0	+9
30205	S Marshall	Arsenal	1.00	0	0
30301	G Southgate	Aston Villa	3.50	0	+14
30302	U Ehiogu	Aston Villa	3.00	+3	+16
30304	C Tiler	Aston Villa	1.00	+4	+4
30305	R Scimeca	Aston Villa	1.00	+1	+1
30401	C Hendry	Blackburn Rovers	4.00	0	-1
30402	I Pearce	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	0
30403	C Coleman	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	-3
30404	N Marker	Blackburn Rovers	0.50	0	+3
30501	T Boyd	Celtic	3.00	-1	+5
30502	M MacKay	Celtic	1.50	0	+3
30503	A Stubbs	Celtic	3.50	-1	+3
30601	M Duberry	Chelsea	2.50	0	-5
30602	F Leboeuf	Chelsea	2.50	-4	+16
30603	F Sinclair	Chelsea	2.00	0	0
30604	D Lee	Chelsea	2.00	0	0
30605	A Myers	Chelsea	1.50	0	+6
30606	E Johnsen	Chelsea	1.50	-3	+10
30607	J Kjeldbjerg	Chelsea	0.50	0	0
30701	L Daish	Coventry City	2.00	+4	+1
30702	R Shaw	Coventry City	1.50	+4	-1
30703	D Busst	Coventry City	1.00	0	0
30801	I Stimac	Derby County	2.50	-1	0
30802	D Wassall	Derby County	1.00	0	0
30303	P McGrath	Derby County	2.50	0	0
30803	J Laursen	Derby County	1.00	-1	+4
30804	M Carbon	Derby County	0.50	0	0
30901	S Pressley	Dundee United	1.00	0	+5
31001	M Millar	Dunfermline	0.75	0	-2
31002	I den Bieman	Dunfermline	0.75	0	-5
31101	D Unsworth	Everton	2.50	0	+7
31102	D Watson	Everton	2.50	0	+1
31103	C Short	Everton	2.00	0	+6
31201	D McPherson	Hearts	1.00	+2	0
31202	P Ritchie	Hearts	1.00	0	+1
31301	J McLaughlin	Hibernian	0.50	0	-4
30902	B Welsh	Hibernian	0.75	0	+9
31302	G Hunter	Hibernian	0.50	0	+3
31401	M Reilly	Kilmarnock	1.00	0	-3
31402	R Montgomerie	Kilmarnock	0.75	0	+1
31501	D Wetherall	Leeds United	2.50	0	+3
31502	R Jobson	Leeds United	1.00	-2	+2
31503	L Radebe	Leeds United	1.00	-2	-3
31504	J Pemberton	Leeds United	0.50	0	0
31601	S Walsh	Leicester City	1.00	-3	0
31602	J Watts	Leicester City	1.00	0	+9
31603	P Kamaark	Leicester City	0.50	0	0
31604	S Prior	Leicester City	1.00	0	+2
31701	P Babb	Liverpool	3.50	0	+14
31702	J Scales	Liverpool	3.50	0	0
31703	M Wright	Liverpool	3.50	0	+11
31704	N Ruddock	Liverpool	3.00	0	0
31705	D Matteo	Liverpool	1.00	0	+12
31801	G Pallister	Manchester United	3.50	-4	+5
31802	D May	Manchester United	3.00	-5	+8
31803	R Johnsen	Manchester United	2.50	-2	+10
31901	N Pearson	Middlesbrough	1.50	-3	-9
31902	S Vickers	Middlesbrough	1.50	-3	-5
31903	D Whyte	Middlesbrough	1.50	-2	-7
31904	P Whelan	Middlesbrough	0.75	-3	-4
32001	B Martin	Motherwell	1.50	0	+7
32002	M van der Gaag	Motherwell	0.75	0	+11
32101	P Albert	Newcastle United	4.50	+7	+11
32102	S Howey	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+7
32103	D Peacock	Newcastle United	3.00	+7	+13
32201	C Cooper	Nottingham Forest	3.00	0	-3
32202	S Chettle	Nottingham Forest	2.50	0	0
32302	S Dennis	Raith Rovers	1.00	-2	-14
32401	R Gough	Rangers	3.50	-1	+18
32402	A McLaren	Rangers	3.00	0	0
32403	J Bjorklund	Rangers	3.50	-1	+9
32404	G Petric	Rangers	2.50	0	+4
32501	J Newsome	Sheffield Wednesday	2.00	0	-3
32502	D Walker	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	+1
32503	B Linighan	Sheffield Wednesday	0.25	0	0
32601	K Monkou	Southampton	1.50	0	-4
32602	A Neilson	Southampton	1.00	+4	0
32603	R Dryden	Southampton	0.50	+4	+3
32604	C Lundekvam	Southampton	0.50	+3	+4
32701	A Melville	Sunderland	1.00	-3	+10
32702	K Ball	Sunderland	1.00	-3	+9
32703	R Ord	Sunderland	0.50	-6	+8
32801	S Campbell	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	+4	+17
32802	C Calderwood	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	+4	+14
32803	G Mabbutt	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	0	0
32804	J Cundy	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0	0
32805	K Scott	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0	0
32806	S Nethercott	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0	-3
32901	S Bilic	West Ham United	2.50	+3	+4
32902	M Rieper	West Ham United	2.50	+4	+3
32903	S Potts	West Ham United	2.00	0	-2
32904	R Hall	West Ham United	1.50	0	0
32905	R Ferdinand	West Ham United	0.50	0	0
32906	A Whitbread	West Ham United	0.25	0	0
33001	A Reeves	Wimbledon	1.00	0	0
33003	A Pearce	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
33004	D Blackwell	Wimbledon	0.50	-1	-1
33005	B McAllister	Wimbledon	0.50	0	+12
33006	S Fitzgerald	Wimbledon	0.25	0	0

MARC ASPLAND

Philippe Albert, right, of Newcastle, celebrates his goal against Manchester United. His goals are valuable in ITF

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts	
				Wk	Ov
40101	D Windass	Aberdeen	3.00	0	+9
40102	S Glass	Aberdeen	3.00	0	+7
40103	P Bernard	Aberdeen	2.50	0	+1
40104	I Kiriakov	Aberdeen	2.50	+1	+8
40105	T Tzvetanov	Aberdeen	0.50	+1	+9
40201	D Platt	Arsenal	4.50	+2	+12
40202	P Merson	Arsenal	4.00	+2	+20
40203	R Parlour	Arsenal	2.00	0	+9
40204	G Helder	Arsenal	1.50	0	0
40205	I Selley	Arsenal	0.50	0	0
40206	D Hillier	Arsenal	0.50	0	0
40207	E McGoldrick	Arsenal	0.50	0	0
40208	P Vieira	Arsenal	3.00	+2	+8
40209	R Garde	Arsenal	2.00	0	0
40301	M Draper	Aston Villa	4.00	0	+9
40302	A Townsend	Aston Villa	2.50	+2	+14
40303	I Taylor	Aston Villa	2.50	+2	+7
40304	G Farrelly	Aston Villa	1.00	0	0
40305	F Carr	Aston Villa	0.50	0	0
40306	S Curcic	Aston Villa	3.50	+2	+9
40401	J Wilcox	Blackburn Rovers	4.00	+1	+5
40402	L Bohinen	Blackburn Rovers	3.50	+2	+11
40403	G Flitcroft	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	+1	+4
40404	W McKinlay	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	0
40405	T Sherwood	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	+1	+9
40406	P Warhurst	Blackburn Rovers	1.50	0	+3
40407	G Donis	Blackburn Rovers	1.50	0	+12
40408	S Ripley	Blackburn Rovers	1.00	+1	+5
40409	M Holmes	Blackburn Rovers	0.75	0	0
40501	P McStay	Celtic	3.00	0	0
40502	A Thom	Celtic	2.50	0	+10
40503	S Donnelly	Celtic	2.50	+1	+7
40504	P Grant	Celtic	1.50	+1	+9
40505	P di Canio	Celtic	3.00	+1	+12
40601	R Gullit	Chelsea	3.50	0	0
40602	D Wise	Chelsea	3.00	0	+11
40603	G Peacock	Chelsea	2.50	0	0
40604	C Burley	Chelsea	2.00	+1	+11
40605	E Newton	Chelsea	2.00	+1	+2
40607	D Rocastle	Chelsea	0.50	0	0
40608	R di Matteo	Chelsea	3.00	+1	+16
40609	J Morris	Chelsea	2.00	0	0
40701	J Salako	Coventry City	2.50	+2	+14
41501	G McAllister	Coventry City	5.50	+2	+13
40702	E Jess	Coventry City	2.00	+2	+7
40703	K Richardson	Coventry City	1.50	+2	+8
40704	P Telfer	Coventry City	1.50	+1	+8
40705	P Williams	Coventry City	1.50	+1	+3
40706	M Isaias	Coventry City	0.50	0	0
40707	W Boland	Coventry City	0.25	0	0
40708	M O'Neill	Coventry City	1.50	0	+1
40801	A Asanovic	Derby County	2.00	+1	+12
40802	P Simpson	Derby County	1.50	0	+2
40803	R van der Laan	Derby County	1.50	0	+2
40804	D Powell	Derby County	1.00	+1	+8
40805	S Flynn	Derby County	0.75	0	+3
40807	G Rowett	Derby County	0.50	+1	+9
40809	C Dailly	Derby County	1.50	+3	+14
40901	G McSwegan	Dundee United	2.00	0	+14
40902	R Winters	Dundee United	1.50	+3	+6
40903	G Johnson	Dundee United	1.00	0	0
42303	J McInally	Dundee United	0.75	+1	+4
40904	D Bowman	Dundee United	0.75	+1	+5
40905	A Benneker	Dundee United	0.50	0	+2
41001	H French	Dunfermline	1.00	+1	+10
41002	C Robertson	Dunfermline	1.00	+1	+8
41003	A Smith	Dunfermline	0.75	0	+9
41004	D Fleming	Dunfermline	0.50	+1	+10
41101	A Kanchelskis	Everton	7.00	0	+14
41102	G Speed	Everton	4.00	0	+14
41103	J Ebbrell	Everton	1.50	0	+6
41104	J Parkinson	Everton	1.50	0	+10
41105	A Limpar	Everton	1.50	0	+1
41106	A Grant	Everton	0.50	0	+3
41107	V Samways	Everton	0.50	0	0
41202	A McManus	Hearts	1.50	+1	+3
41203	S Fulton	Hearts	1.00	0	+2
41301	K McAllister	Hibernian	1.50	+1	+8
41302	P McGinlay	Hibernian	1.50	+1	+5
41303	G Love	Hibernian	0.75	0	0
41304	A Millen	Hibernian	0.50	+1	+10
41305	I Cameron	Hibernian	0.75	+1	+2
41401	A Mitchell	Kilmarnock	1.00	+1	+8
41402	J McIntyre	Kilmarnock	1.00	0	+6
41403	M Skilling	Kilmarnock	0.75	0	0
41404	J Lauchlan	Kilmarnock	0.50	0	+2
41502	L Bowyer	Leeds United	3.00	0	+9
41503	A Gray	Leeds United	2.50	0	+1
41504	C Palmer	Leeds United	2.00	0	+4
41505	R Wallace	Leeds United	1.50	+1	+11
41805	L Sharpe	Leeds United	3.50	+1	+14
41506	I Harte	Leeds United	1.00	0	+13
41507	M Ford	Leeds United	0.50	+1	+9
41508	A Couzens	Leeds United	0.50	0	+8
41509	M Tinkler	Leeds United	0.50	0	+2
41601	N Lennon	Leicester City	2.00	0	+9
41602	G Parker	Leicester City	2.00	0	+2
41603	S Taylor	Leicester City	2.00	+1	+10
41604	J Lawrence	Leicester City	0.25	0	0
40606	M Izzet	Leicester City	1.00	+1	+11
41701	S McManaman	Liverpool	7.00	0	+18
41702	J McAteer	Liverpool	4.00	0	+10
41703	J Redknapp	Liverpool	4.00	0	+1
41704	J Barnes	Liverpool	3.00	0	+17
41705	M Thomas	Liverpool	2.50	0	+15
41706	M Kennedy	Liverpool	1.00	0	0
41707	P Berger	Liverpool	3.00	0	+13
41801	R Giggs	Manchester United	7.00	0	+10
41802	R Keane	Manchester United	4.50	0	+3
41803	D Beckham	Manchester United	4.00	+1	+18
41804	N Butt	Manchester United	3.50	0	+8
41806	B McClair	Manchester United	1.50	0	+2
41807	T Cooke	Manchester United	1.00	0	0
41808	B Thornley	Manchester United	1.00	0	0
41809	S Davies	Manchester United	0.50	0	0
41810	J Cruyff	Manchester United	2.50	0	+15
41811	K Poborsky	Manchester United	4.00	+1	+9
41901	Emerson	Middlesbrough	3.50	+3	+11
41902	Juninho	Middlesbrough	3.50	+2	+17
41903	C Hignett	Middlesbrough	2.00	0	0
41905	A Moore	Middlesbrough	1.00	0	0
41906	R Mustoe	Middlesbrough	1.00	+1	+8
41908	C Liddle	Middlesbrough	0.50	0	0
41909	B Robson	Middlesbrough	0.50	0	0
41910	P Stamp	Middlesbrough	0.50	+1	+4
42001	C McCart	Motherwell	2.00	+1	+4
42002	J Philliben	Motherwell	1.00	0	+1
42003	J Dolan	Motherwell	1.00	0	+4
42004	J Hendry	Motherwell	0.75	+1	+2
42101	D Ginola	Newcastle United	5.50	+4	+11
42102	R Lee	Newcastle United	5.50	+2	+14
42103	K Gillespie	Newcastle United	4.50	0	+5
42104	D Batty	Newcastle United	3.00	+1	+14
42105	L Clark	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+1
42106	C Holland	Newcastle United	0.50	0	0
42201	I Woan	Nottingham Forest	4.50	+1	+11
42202	S Stone	Nottingham Forest	4.00	0	+2
42203	S Gemmill	Nottingham Forest	2.50	0	+3
42204	C Bart-Williams	Nottingham Forest	2.00	+1	+9
42205	D Phillips	Nottingham Forest	1.00	0	+3
42301	T Rougier	Raith Rovers	2.00	+3	+10
42302	D Lennon	Raith Rovers	1.00	+1	+6
42304	S Thomson	Raith Rovers	0.50	+1	+7
42401	P Gascoigne	Rangers	7.00	+3	+21
42402	B Laudrup	Rangers	5.00	+3	+13
42403	S McCall	Rangers	2.00	0	+9
42404	T Steven	Rangers	1.50	0	0
42405	J Albertz	Rangers	4.00	+1	+13
42501	R Blinker	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	+1	+10
42502	M Pembridge	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	+4
42503	J Sheridan	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	0
42504	G Hyde	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	+1	+5
42506	M Williams	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	0	0
42507	R Jones	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	0	0
42508	S Oakes	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	+1
42509	W Collins	Sheffield Wednesday	0.75	0	+7
42510	O Trustfull	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	+3
42601	J Magilton	Southampton	2.50	0	+12
42602	N Heaney	Southampton	1.00	0	+8
42604	B Venison	Southampton	1.00	0	0
42606	D Hughes	Southampton	0.50	0	0
42906	R Slater	Southampton	1.00	+2	+7
42607	M Oakley	Southampton	0.50	0	+10
42608	P Tisdale	Southampton	0.50	0	0
42609	M Robinson	Southampton	0.25	0	0
42610	G Potter	Southampton	0.50	0	0
42611	E Berkovic	Southampton	1.00	+1	+1
42701	M Gray	Sunderland	2.50	+2	+15
42702	S Agnew	Sunderland	1.50	0	+10
42703	A Rae	Sunderland	1.50	+3	+3
42704	P Bracewell	Sunderland	0.75	+1	+12
42705	M Smith	Sunderland	1.00	0	0
42801	D Anderton	Tottenham Hotspur	5.50	0	+6
42802	R Fox	Tottenham Hotspur	4.00	+3	+14
42803	D Howells	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	+2	+12
42804	J Dozzell	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	0	+2
42805	A Sinton	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	0	+8
42806	R Rosenthal	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	0	+1
42809	A Nielsen	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	+2	+11
42901	P Futre	West Ham United	3.50	0	+4
42902	I Bishop	West Ham United	2.00	+2	+5
42903	M Hughes	West Ham United	2.00	+2	+18
42904	D Williamson	West Ham United	1.50	0	+7
42905	J Moncur	West Ham United	1.50	+4	+7
42907	S Lazarides	West Ham United	0.25	0	+5
43001	R Earle	Wimbledon	4.00	+3	+22
43002	O Leonhardsen	Wimbledon	2.50	+1	+9
43003	M Gayle	Wimbledon	2.00	+3	+20
43004	V Jones	Wimbledon	1.50	+1	+11
43005	N Ardley	Wimbledon	0.50	+3	+17
43006	S Castledine	Wimbledon	0.50	0	0
43007	P Fear	Wimbledon	0.25	0	0

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50101	S Booth	Aberdeen	4.50	+1	+1
50102	D Shearer	Aberdeen	3.00	0	+3
50103	W Dodds	Aberdeen	5.00	+2	+7
50201	I Wright	Arsenal	7.00	0	+26
50202	D Bergkamp	Arsenal	7.00	0	+8
50203	J Hartson	Arsenal	3.50	0	+8
50205	C Kiwomya	Arsenal	0.50	0	0
50301	D Yorke	Aston Villa	7.50	+3	+23
50302	S Milosevic	Aston Villa	5.00	0	+9
50303	T Johnson	Aston Villa	4.00	+3	+9
50304	J Joachim	Aston Villa	2.00	0	+4
50402	K Gallacher	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	+1	+6
50404	C Sutton	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	+1	+10
50405	G Fenton	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+3
50406	N Gudmundsson	Blackburn Rovers	1.00	0	0
50501	P van Hooijdonk	Celtic	7.00	+5	+21
50502	J Cadete	Celtic	6.00	0	+12
50601	G Vialli	Chelsea	5.00	+3	+19
50602	M Hughes	Chelsea	4.00	+1	+9
50603	J Spencer	Chelsea	4.00	-1	0
50605	M Stein	Chelsea	0.50	0	0
50701	N Whelan	Coventry City	6.00	+1	+10
50702	D Dublin	Coventry City	5.00	+1	+10
50703	P Ndlovu	Coventry City	3.00	0	0
50801	D Sturridge	Derby County	3.00	0	+8
50802	M Gabbiadini	Derby County	2.00	0	+5
50803	A Ward	Derby County	2.00	+1	+2
50804	R Willems	Derby County	1.00	+1	+6
50902	O Coyle	Dundee United	2.00	0	+4
51001	A Moore	Dunfermline	2.00	+1	+5
51002	S Petrie	Dunfermline	2.00	0	+6
51101	D Ferguson	Everton	6.00	0	+8
51102	G Stuart	Everton	3.00	0	+11
51104	P Rideout	Everton	2.00	0	+1
51201	J Robertson	Hearts	3.50	+1	+10
51202	C Cameron	Hearts	3.50	+3	+14
51203	D Beckford	Hearts	0.50	0	+3
51301	K Wright	Hibernian	3.00	0	+7
51302	D Jackson	Hibernian	3.00	+1	+13
51401	P Wright	Kilmarnock	3.00	+3	+16
51501	A Yeboah	Leeds United	7.00	0	0
51502	I Rush	Leeds United	3.50	0	+7
51504	B Deane	Leeds United	2.00	0	+1
51505	M Hateley	Leeds United	2.00	+1	+3
51601	S Claridge	Leicester City	2.50	0	+9
51602	E Heskey	Leicester City	2.00	0	+14
51603	M Robins	Leicester City	0.75	0	+1
51604	I Marshall	Leicester City	0.75	+1	+6
51701	R Fowler	Liverpool	9.00	0	+11
51702	S Collymore	Liverpool	8.00	0	+11
51801	E Cantona	Manchester United	8.50	0	+15
51802	P Scholes	Manchester United	5.00	-1	0
51803	A Cole	Manchester United	4.50	0	+1
51804	O G Solskjaer	Manchester United	3.00	+1	+13
51901	N Barmby	Middlesbrough	4.00	+2	+12
51902	J Fjortoft	Middlesbrough	2.50	0	0
51905	F Ravanelli	Middlesbrough	5.00	+4	+28
51906	M Beck	Middlesbrough	2.50	0	0
52001	T Coyne	Motherwell	2.00	0	0
52002	D Arnott	Motherwell	1.50	+1	+14
50401	A Shearer	Newcastle United	10.0	+3	+24
52101	L Ferdinand	Newcastle United	8.50	+3	+23
52102	F Asprilla	Newcastle United	6.50	0	+3
52103	P Beardsley	Newcastle United	5.00	+1	+8
52104	P Kitson	Newcastle United	1.50	0	0
52105	D Huckerby	Newcastle United	0.50	0	0
52201	D Saunders	Nottingham Forest	3.50	+3	+14
52202	B Roy	Nottingham Forest	3.00	0	+1
52203	P McGregor	Nottingham Forest	1.50	0	0
52204	K Campbell	Nottingham Forest	1.50	0	+16
52205	J Lee	Nottingham Forest	1.50	0	+5
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52207	A Silenzi	Nottingham Forest	0.50	0	+1
52301	P Duffield	Raith Rovers	2.00	0	+8
52401	G Durie	Rangers	6.00	0	+3
52402	E Andersen	Rangers	5.00	0	+1
52403	A McCoist	Rangers	5.00	0	+16
52501	D Hirst	Sheffield Wednesday	3.00	+1	+6
52502	A Booth	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	+3	+18
52503	M Bright	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	0
52504	G Whittingham	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	+13
52505	O Donaldson	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	0	0
52506	R Humphreys	Sheffield Wednesday	2.00	0	+5
52601	M Le Tissier	Southampton	7.00	+2	+18
52602	N Shipperley	Southampton	3.50	+2	+11
52603	G Watson	Southampton	1.50	0	+6
52604	F Bennett	Southampton	0.25	0	0
52605	E Ostenstadt	Southampton	2.00	+1	+1
52701	P Stewart	Sunderland	1.00	+2	+3
52702	C Russell	Sunderland	1.00	+4	+5
52703	D Kelly	Sunderland	1.00	+1	+2
52704	L Howey	Sunderland	0.50	0	+1
52705	M Bridges	Sunderland	0.50	0	0
52706	B Angell	Sunderland	0.25	0	0
52708	N Quinn	Sunderland	3.00	0	+7
52801	E Sheringham	Tottenham Hotspur	8.00	+5	+11
52802	C Armstrong	Tottenham Hotspur	7.00	+1	+12
52803	R Allen	Tottenham Hotspur	0.75	0	0
52901	F Raduciolu	West Ham United	3.00	+1	+4
52902	I Dumitrescu	West Ham United	2.50	0	+2
52903	I Dowie	West Ham United	2.00	+1	+6
52904	A Cottee	West Ham United	2.00	0	+3
52905	S Jones	West Ham United	1.50	0	+2
53001	D Holdsworth	Wimbledon	3.00	0	+3
53002	E Ekoku	Wimbledon	3.00	+3	+18
53003	J Goodman	Wimbledon	1.50	0	+3
53004	J Euell	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
53005	A Clarke	Wimbledon	0.75	0	+5
53006	M Harford	Wimbledon	0.50	0	0
53007	G Blissett	Wimbledon	0.50	0	0

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60101	R Aitken	Aberdeen	2.50	+1	+12
60202	A Wenger	Arsenal	3.50	+1	+4
60301	B Little	Aston Villa	3.50	+3	+12
60401	R Harford	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	+1	-2
60501	T Burns	Celtic	4.00	+1	+18
60601	R Gullit	Chelsea	2.50	-1	+14
60701	R Atkinson	Coventry City	1.50	+1	+2
60801	J Smith	Derby County	0.75	+1	+8
62302	T McLean	Dundee United	0.75	+1	+3
61001	B Paton	Dunfermline	0.50	+1	+7
61101	J Royle	Everton	3.00	0	+9
61201	J Jefferies	Hearts	2.00	+1	+9
61401	A Totten	Kilmarnock	0.75	+3	0
61502	G Graham	Leeds United	2.00	-1	-1
61601	M O'Neill	Leicester City	0.50	-1	+6
61701	R Evans	Liverpool	4.50	0	+19
61801	A Ferguson	Manchester United	5.00	-1	+18
61901	B Robson	Middlesbrough	2.00	0	+8
62001	A McLeish	Motherwell	1.50	+1	+8
62101	K Keegan	Newcastle United	4.50	+3	+22
62201	F Clark	Nottingham Forest	2.50	+1	+4
62303	I Munro	Raith Rovers	0.50	-1	-1
62401	W Smith	Rangers	5.00	+1	+18
62501	D Pleat	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	+1	+10
62601	G Souness	Southampton	0.50	+3	+4
62701	P Reid	Sunderland	0.50	0	+6
62801	G Francis	Tottenham Hotspur	3.00	+3	+10
62901	H Redknapp	West Ham United	2.00	+3	+6
63001	J Kinnear	Wimbledon	1.00	+3	+18

THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

Howard sets up citizenship award

■ An annual good citizenship award for young people is to be set up in the name of the murdered headmaster, Philip Lawrence, Michael Howard announces today.

The Home Secretary, writing in *The Times*, says that the memorial award, which will recognise outstanding contributions towards the community, is one of a series of ideas being considered by the Government in an attempt to improve society and defeat violence.......... **Page 1**

Catholic manifesto criticised by Tories

■ The Catholic Church faced criticism after advocating left-leaning policies in a pre-election manifesto designed to remind Catholics of its teaching on social issues. Although bishops denied that any political party was favoured, their support of Labour policies prompted criticism from Tory MPs...... **Page 1**

Reward goes to charity

Paul Onions, the British tourist whose evidence helped to convict Ivan Milat, the Australian "backpacker murderer", says he will give a £250,000 reward to charity and the victims' families .. **Page 1**

Afghanistan pillaged

Afghanistan has lost its past to war. Palaces and mansions are destroyed, historical monuments have been shelled, the National Museum is rubble. Every item of state treasure has been smashed, sold or stolen .... **Pages 1, 15**

Student found dead

An Oxford classics student has been found dead in her college bed one week into her first term. Police were last night investigating how Rachel Steer, 18, from Surbiton in Surrey, died... **Page 1**

Sex register dropped

Plans for a national register of sex offenders in Britain have been dropped from the Government's law and order legislation .**Page 2**

Caesar's 'stolen kiss'

A Navy commander dressed as Julius Caesar tried to kiss a woman midshipman in centurion's clothing during a party, a court was told.......... **Page 3**

Parents' plea for help

The parents of Simon Wilmott, critically injured when youths dropped concrete on his car, asked others not to harbour them.......... **Page 5**

Not Scot-free

Visitors will have to pay up to £5.50 to see the Stone of Scone when it is placed in Edinburgh Castle on its return to Scotland from Westminster Abbey **Page 9**

Shark in danger

Wildlife advisers are trying to protect the endangered basking shark as rising demand for shark fins leads fishermen to target it to supply the lucrative Far Eastern trade.......... **Page 10**

Gandhi archive found

A previously unknown collection of handwritten papers reveals Mahatma Gandhi lecturing Mountbatten and accusing Churchill of disservice to India **Page 11**

Kohl's buoyant hopes

Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, shrugged aside his Government's financial crisis and declared European monetary union and political integration were within reach.......... **Page 12**

Clinton 'indictments'

David Hale, the Arkansas banker who helped to convict three associates of President Clinton and his wife Hillary, claimed the First Lady faced certain indictment after the US elections...... **Page13**

Refugees flee camps

Thousands of Hutu refugees yesterday fled their camps in Zaire after attacks by the Rwandan Army and Tutsi warriors from Zaire .... **Page 14**

Sandwiches take stick to baguette

■ The fashion-conscious French are turning to British sandwiches for the latest in chic cuisine. Several supermarket chains now import sandwiches every day, according to executives at the biggest food show in Europe. English bread and imaginative fillings are said to compare favourably with a staple diet of ham or cheese *baguettes*.......... **Page 5**

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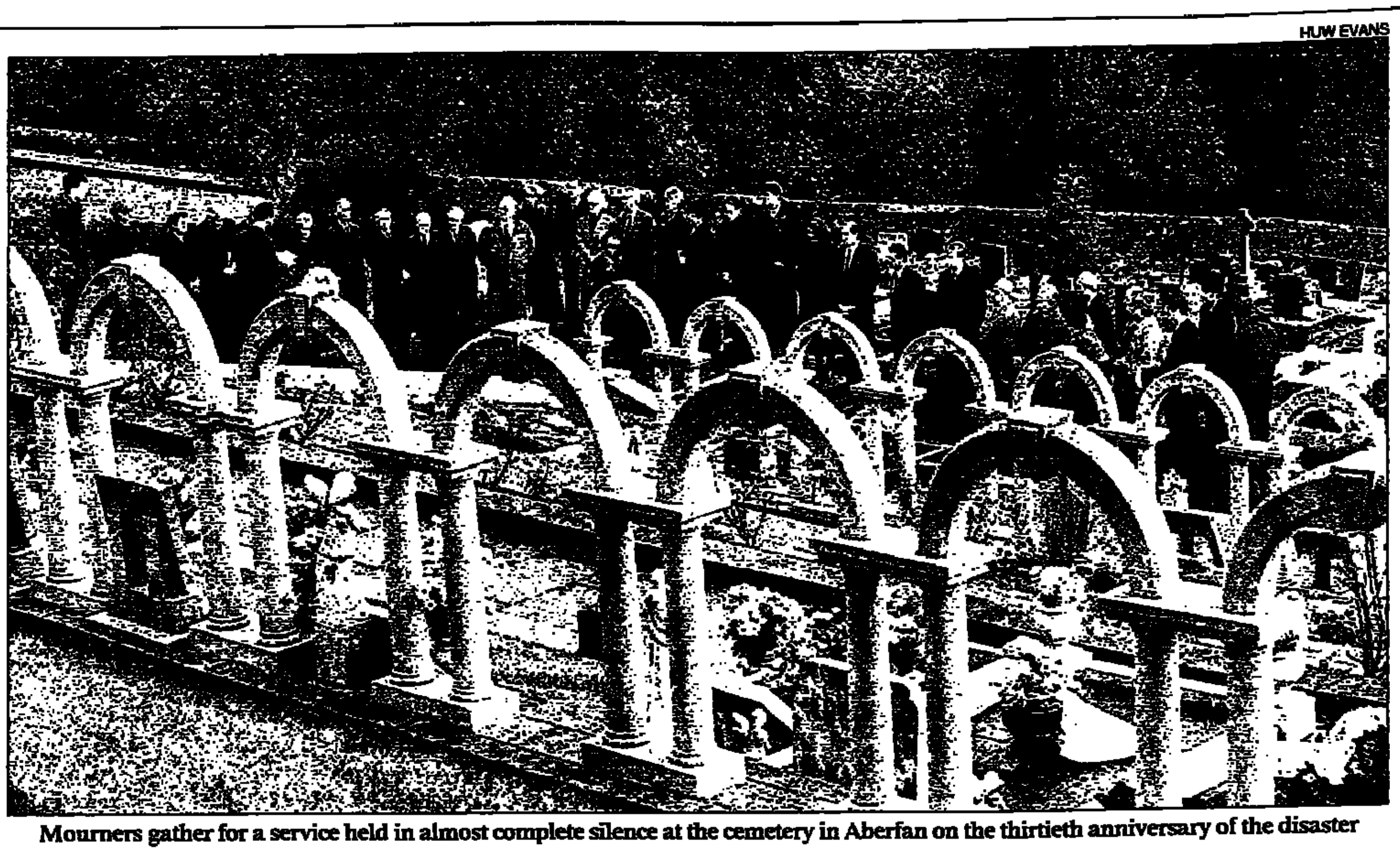

Mourners gather for a service held in almost complete silence at the cemetery in Aberfan on the thirtieth anniversary of the disaster

BUSINESS

Initiative: The Chancellor of the Exchequer yesterday struck a deal with the CBI to invigorate the highly criticised private finance initiative.......... **Page 27**

Privatisation: British investors are set to make a profit of up to £400 million from the flotation of Deutsche Telekom, the German phone group.......... **Page 27**

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Markets: The FTSE 100 reached a new record high of 4073.1 following a 20.0 point increase. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 89.3 to 89.0.......... **Page 27**

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Three sopranos: After the success of the three tenors, the women strike back as America's Three Sopranos almost fill the London Palladium.......... **Page 39**

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The new Government in Tokyo will have to apply itself to restoring the popular credibility of public institutions, at present seriously damaged. There is much evidence to show that the "Japanese model" needs to be revised . . . The country which once furnished Asia with an example to follow is now showing unmistakable signs of political senility

-ABC, Madrid

TOMORROW

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Japan's Liberal Democratic Party has yet to recover the voters' confidence. It is back only on sufferance, and only in the absence of a convincing alternative .... **Page 19**

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There is a widespread belief that too many scandals have gone unanswered in Belgium, too many crimes unsolved.......... **Page 19**

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MICHAEL HOWARD

We are setting up secure centres to provide a disciplined and secure environment in which a concentrated effort will be made to make them see the error of their ways. **Page 18**

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But what's the point? The more crowded the prison system becomes, the lower its quality. Even if you do not care how miserably convicts live — and God knows, there are some it is impossible to wish well — you cannot deny that the less thoughtful and creative prisons are, the less likely they are ever to turn anybody into a useful or at least harmless citizen **Page 18**

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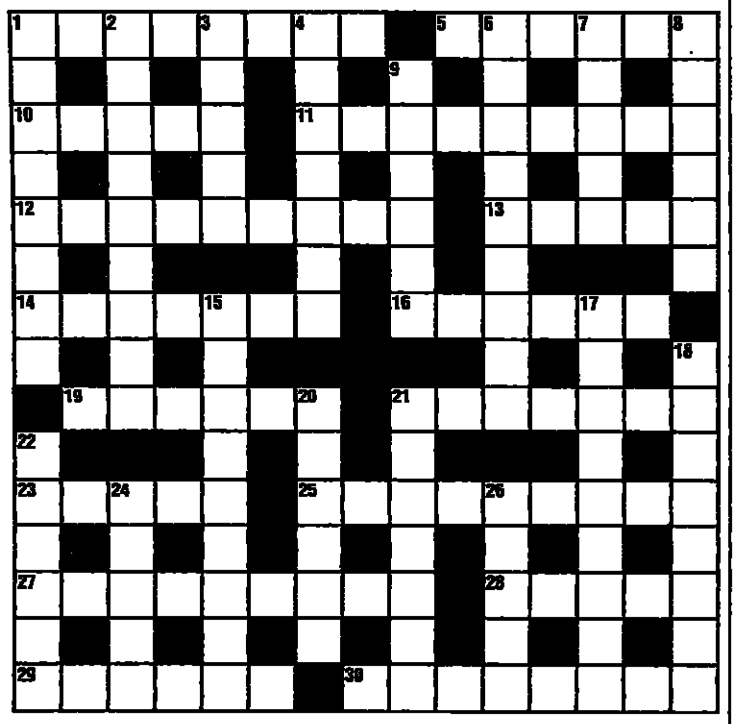

ACROSS

1 Visualised skeleton as being needed in theatre (8).
5 Way to fix a form of diet (6).
10 Uses special shears to cut garden flowers (5).
11 Sections of a support column nearly top Northern hill (9).
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14 Care needed, moving about in auction (7).
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21 Party in small lakeside dwelling (7).
23 Bone needs most healthy piece put back (5).
25 Painter of "The Boy in Blue" (9).
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30 Old magazine editor abandoned (8).

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2 Graves found in this crypt? (4-5).
3 Pleasant spot in desert island – you'll find nothing as topping (5).
4 Surround cause of green being cut on golf club (7).
6 Team ordered into river for cure, hopefully (9).
7 Analyse sentence cut when son's put inside (5).
8 One by one the team appears (6).
9 Work hard in effort to get prize (6).
15 Unoriginal form of flattery (9).
17 Shoot animal – many provided target for arrows (9).
18 Priest never transformed into cardinal, say (8).
20 Little time to give support (6).
21 Ease burden (7).
22 Oriental chief is all gas (6).
24 Man, for example, ordered to take in gym activity (but not horse) (5).
26 Fish for four at beginning of term (5).

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises:	Sun sets:
7.37 am	5.52 pm
Moon sets	**Moon rises**
2.14 am	4.01 pm

Full moon October 26

London 5.52 pm to 7.39 am
Bristol 6.02 pm to 7.48 am
Edinburgh 5.55 pm to 8.01 am
Manchester 5.57 pm to 7.51 am
Penzance 6.17 pm to 7.58 am

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales cloudy. In east and southeastern areas, the cloud will break to give sunny spells. In the west, the cloud will be thick enough to give drizzle on coasts and hills.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will have rain, quite heavy for a time. As the rain edges north, western coasts and hills will remain drizzly. Eastern parts will have lighter rain and brighten later.

☐ **London, SE, Cent S, E England, Cent N England, E Anglia, E Midlands:** Dry, variable cloud, hazy sunny spells. Wind southerly moderate. Warm. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **W Midlands, Channel Isles, SW, NW England, Wales, Lakes, IoM, SW Scotland, N Ireland:** Rather cloudy with outbreaks of drizzle on coasts and hills. Wind southerly moderate. Warm. Max 15 to 17C (59F to 63F).

☐ **NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth:** Rain for a time then clearer. Wind southerly moderate. Warm. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **Glasgow, Cent Highlands, Argyll, NW Scotland:** Rain for a time, later drizzle confined to western coasts and hills. Wind southerly moderate to fresh, locally strong. Warm. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** Cloudy with rain, slow to clear. Wind southerly strong, locally gale at times. Mild. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **Outlook:** Unsettled in west, mainly dry with some sunshine in the east. Warm.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	6.4	0.03	15	59	s
Anglesey	6.7	0.01	15	59	b
Aspatria	4.1	0.04	13	55	s
Aviemore	3.2	0.17	11	52	sh
Belfast	4.1	0.07	13	55	s
Bognor R	5.9	0.02	16	61	b
Bournem'th	6.1	0.02	17	63	s
Bristol	4.6	0.01	15	59	s
Buxton	2.2	0.04	12	54	b
Cardiff	3.0	0.05	15	59	c
Clacton	7.8	0.08	15	59	s
Cromer	7.9	0.07	14	57	s
Eastbourne	8.1	0.04	17	63	s
Edinburgh	X				
Exmouth	3.2	0.01	16	61	b
Falmouth	4.8	0.02	17	63	b
Fishguard	3.9	0.01	13	56	b
Folkestone	8.4	0.05	17	63	s
Glasgow	6.2	0.05	15	59	b
Guernsey	5.9	-	17	63	s
Hastings	7.7	0.03	17	63	s
Hayling I.	5.4	0.01	16	61	b
Herne Bay	7.7	0.02	15	59	s
Hove	6.5	-	17	63	s
Hunstanton	7.6	0.17	14	57	s
Isle of Man	6.3	-	14	57	s
Jersey	7.2	0.08	17	63	s
Leeds	6.8	0.06	15	59	s
Lerwick	6.3	0.60	11	52	b
Leuchars	6.4	0.06	14	57	b
London	7.3	0.01	16	61	s
Lowestoft	8.2	0.12	16	61	s
Manchester	1.9	0.08	15	59	b
Margate	8.7	0.06	15	59	s
Minehead	3.8	-	16	61	b
Morecambe	6.3	0.06	14	57	s
Newcastle	7.6	0.18	14	57	c
Newquay	2.7	-	15	59	b
Norwich	8.4	0.01	16	61	s
Oxford	4.8	0.01	15	59	s
Penzance	X	0.02	17	63	b
Prestatyn	X	0.07	15	59	s
Ross-o-wye	4.2	0.01	16	61	s
Salcombe	3.4	0.03	17	63	b
Saunton Snd	3.2	-	17	63	s
Scarboro'	7.9	0.04	14	57	s
Shrewsbury	5.3	0.02	15	59	c
Southend	6.0	0.02	17	63	s
Southport	6.5	0.06	14	57	s
Southsea	3.6	0.02	16	61	s
Stornoway	6.2	0.17	12	54	s
Swanage	5.7	0.02	17	63	s
Teignmouth	3.2	0.01	16	61	b
Tenby	3.0	0.06	15	59	b
Tiree	6.5	0.15	13	55	sh
Torquay	4.1	0.02	17	63	s
Tynemouth	-	0.04	14	57	c
Ventnor	5.2	0.02	17	63	b
West-s-mare	3.3	0.07	16	61	b
Weymouth	5.7	0.03	15	59	s

ABROAD

	C	F	
Ajaccio	20	68	s
Akrotiri	27	81	s
Alex'dria	26	79	f
Algiers	23	73	s
Amst'dm	15	59	c
Athens	22	72	s
B Aires	15	59	s
Bahrain	29	84	s
Bangkok	33	91	f
Barbados	30	86	X
Barcelona	21	70	s
Beirut	27	81	s
Belgrade	13	55	f
Berlin	14	57	f
Bermuda	24	75	f
Biarritz	22	72	s
Bordo'x	20	68	s
Brussels	15	59	c
Budapst	14	57	f
Cairo	29	84	s
Cape Tn	18	64	c
Ch'church	17	63	X
Chicago	X		
Cologne	13	55	d
Corfu	19	66	f
C'phagn	11	52	f
Dublin	17	63	f
Dubrovnik	19	66	s
Faro	25	77	s
Florence	15	59	s
Frankfurt	12	54	r
Funchal	22	72	s
Geneva	13	55	f
Gibraltar	21	70	s
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Lisbon	18	64	f
Locarno	17	63	s
Luxembg	11	52	d
Luxor	36	97	s
Madrid	22	72	s
Majorca	21	70	f
Malaga	23	73	s
Malta	21	70	f
Melb'rne	14	57	f
Mexico C	X		
Miami	X		
Milan	20	68	s
Montreal	10	50	fg
Moscow	9	48	c
Munich	11	52	r
N Delhi	32	90	s
N York	X		
Nairobi	26	79	f
Naples	19	66	f
Nice	21	70	s
Oslo	11	52	c
Paris	15	59	s
Peking	12	54	c
Perth	31	88	s
Prague	11	52	f
Reykjavik	7	45	r
Rhodes	22	72	s
Rio de J	27	81	s
Riyadh	28	82	s
Rome	20	68	s
S Fr'isco	14	57	s
S Paulo	26	79	c
Salzburg	11	52	c
Santiago	22	72	s
Seoul	19	66	f
Sing'por	31	88	f
St'kholm	7	45	c
Strasb'rg	13	55	f
Sydney	14	57	c
Tangier	25	77	s
Tel Aviv	27	81	s
Tenerife	27	81	s
Tokyo	16	61	c
Toronto	10	50	d
Tunis	23	73	f
Valencia	25	77	s
Vanc'ver	9	48	f
Venice	18	64	s
Vienna	15	59	s
Warsaw	10	50	c
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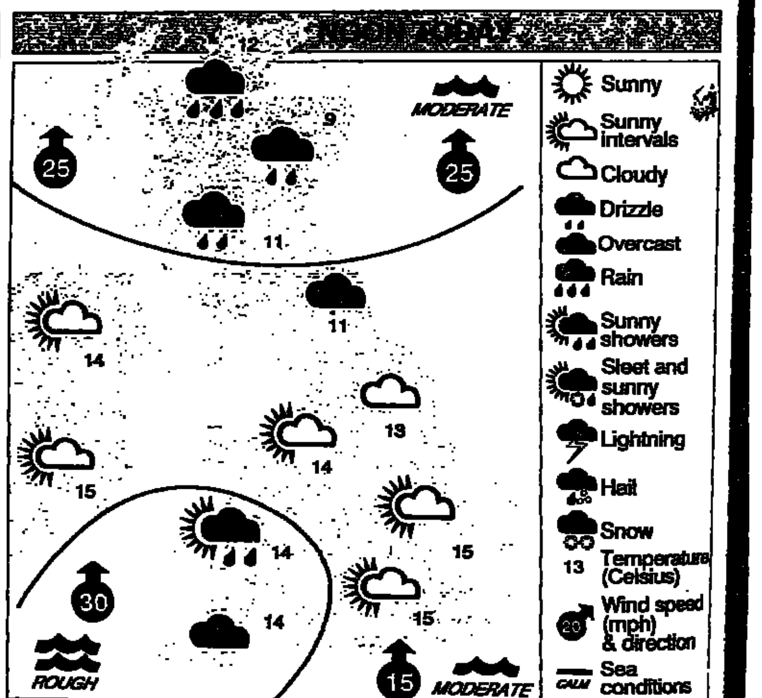

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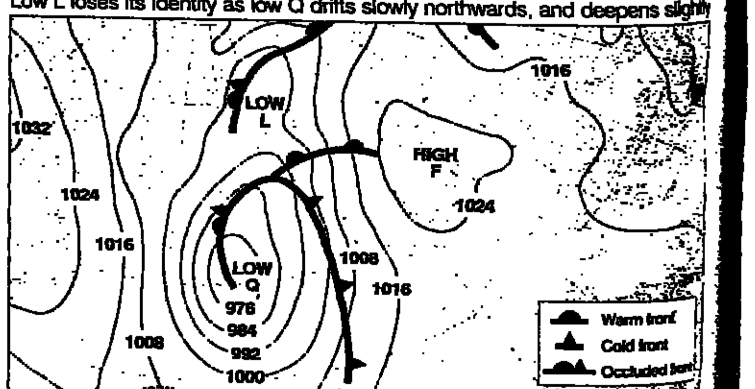

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London Bridge	9:20	5.9	10:06	6.3
Aberdeen	9:39	3.7	9:46	3.9
Avonmouth	2:50	10.3	3:28	11.0
Belfast	6:58	3.1	7:21	3.3
Cardiff	2:36	10.0	3:17	10.0
Devonport	1:19	4.5	1:51	4.8
Dover	7:07	5.8	7:49	5.9
Dublin (N Wall)	7:47	3.7	7:57	3.9
Falmouth	0:49	4.0	1:20	5.0
Greenock	8:30	2.9	9:03	3.2
Harwich	7:17	3.3	8:06	3.6
Holyhead	6:27	4.8	6:46	5.2
Hull (Albert D)	1:39	6.0	2:38	7.0
Ilfracombe	1:40	8.0	2:19	8.0
King's Lynn	1:46	6.0	2:32	6.0

TODAY	AM	HT	PM
Leith	10:36	4.9	10:58
Liverpool	7:07	7.9	7:34
Lowestoft	4:45	2.3	6:13
Margate	7:36	4.1	8:36
Milford Haven	2:04	5.6	2:38
Newquay	0:58	6.0	1:28
Oban	2:22	3.0	2:45
Penzance	0:30	5.0	1:01
Portland	2:14	1.5	2:45
Portsmouth	7:15	4.2	7:41
Shoreham	7:14	5.3	7:47
Southampton	6:39	4.2	7:10
Swansea	2:02	7.7	2:37
Tees	11:57	4.6	-
Walton-on-Naze	7:17	3.6	8:08

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Folkestone, Kent, 17C (63F); lowest day max: Lough Fea, Co Tyrone, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Lerwick, Shetland, 0.60in; highest sunshine: Margate, Kent, 8.7hr.

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